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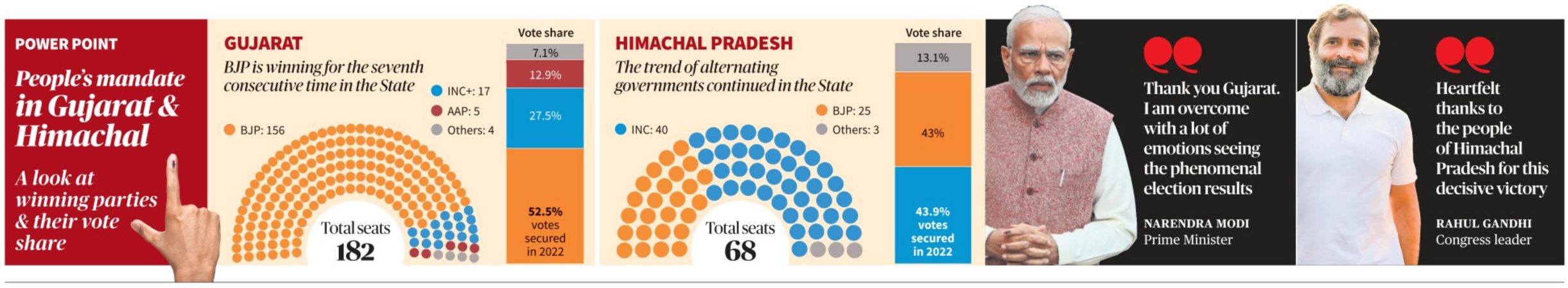

BJP sweeps Gujarat, Cong. wrests Himachal

Party returns to power with record 156 of 182 seats; Bhupendra Patel to continue as CM; Cong. puts up a disastrous show, while AAP gets 5 seats

GUJARAT

Mahesh Langa
AHMEDABAD

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) stormed to power in Gujarat with a historic mandate, winning a record-breaking 156 out of 182 seats, the seventh consecutive victory for the party in the native State of Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Its vote share also jumped to 52.5%. The BJP's victory has also battered the previous Congress record of winning 149 seats in 1985 during the Madhavsinh Solanki era of Gujarat politics.

The BJP's stupendous performance stunned the Opposition and even the party's own members, sweeping cities and rural districts as triangular contests involving the BJP, the Congress and new entrant, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), catapulted the ruling party to power with unprecedented numbers.

Drumbeats of joy: BJP supporters celebrating at the party headquarters in Gandhinagar on Thursday. VIJAY SONEJI

The AAP's entry into the State's electoral politics, snagging five seats with an impressive vote share of around 13%, has ensured the decimation of the main Opposition party, the Congress, which won just 17 seats and saw its vote share shrink to a mere 27.3%. The disastrous performance of the Congress can be gauged from the fact that it has drawn a blank in almost 15 out of 33 districts, and has not won a single urban seat in cities like Surat, Vadodara, Rajkot, Jamnagar, Bhavnagar and Gandhinagar.

The Opposition party completely collapsed in the tribal belt as well, as the massive support to the AAP's candidates there resulted in triangular contests that directly benefitted the BJP. The ruling party won 23 out of the 27 seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes (STs) across the tribal belt from north to south. The Congress' fall was steep even in its traditional bastions in central and north Gujarat, besides Saurashtra where it had won handsomely in the previous elections in 2017.

Bhupendra Patel, who won the Ghatlodia seat by a margin of 1.92 lakh votes, will continue as the Chief Minister. The new government will be sworn in on December 12.

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Anti-incumbency and Congress focus on governance issues dash BJP's hopes; CLP meeting in Shimla today

HIMACHAL PRADESH

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

The Congress made a comeback in Himachal Pradesh on Thursday, by winning 40 seats in the high-stakes contest for the 68-member Legislative Assembly, edging out the ruling BJP, which had appeared confident of returning to power.

Himachal Pradesh has seen a bipolar electoral system for more than three decades, with the Congress and the BJP alternately forming the government. Yet again, the voters in the hill State have followed the tradition of throwing out the incumbent government after five years of governance.

The ruling BJP, which was aiming to once again form the government with its high-pitched "mission repeat" campaign, failed to go beyond the 25-seat mark. While Chief Minister Jai Ram Thakur won by a record margin of over 37,000 votes – the highest-ever by any Chief Minister in the State – eight of his 10 Ministers lost the election. Three Independent candidates have also won. The Aam Aadmi Party could not win even a single seat.

Music to the ears: Congress workers get together in Kullu on Thursday after the party's victory in Himachal Pradesh. PTI

The Congress will hold a meeting of its newly elected MLAs in Shimla on Friday. The meet is likely to pass a resolution authorising the Congress president to elect the CLP leader.

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BYPOLL BATTLE

The results of one Lok Sabha constituency and six Assembly seats that went to the polls on December 5

State	Seat	Won by
U.P.	Mainpuri*	SP
U.P.	Khatauli	RLD
U.P.	Rampur	BJP
Odisha	Padampur	BJD
Rajasthan	Sardar-shahar	INC
Bihar	Kurhani	BJP
Chhattisgarh	Bhanup-ratappur	INC

*Lok Sabha seat

*SP candidate **Dimple Yadav** waves at supporters after her victory in Mainpuri*

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NEWS IN NUMBERS

Thousands of cases pending in Supreme Court, says Centre

11,000 The number of "matters" pending before the Supreme Court for over 10 years, Union Law Minister Kiren Rijiju informed the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. In the 25 High Courts, 8.77 lakh civil and 3.74 lakh criminal cases are pending for more than 10 years, he said citing data from the National Judicial Data Grid (NJDG). PTI

Councillors with criminal charges against them in Delhi

17 The % of newly elected Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) councillors who face criminal cases against them, while another 8% "serious" cases, according to a report by the Association for Democratic Reforms. The Association for Democratic Reforms and Delhi Election Watch analysed the self-sworn affidavits of 248 winning candidates in the MCD elections. PTI

National highways completed till November this year

4,766 The kilometres of national highways whose construction were completed by November 2022, the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways informed Parliament. The Ministry has the target of constructing 12,200 kms of national highways during 2022-23 under the Bharatmala Pariyojana. PTI

Dimple Yadav wins Mainpuri bypoll with a huge vote margin

2.8 In lakh, the margin of votes by which Samajwadi Party (SP) candidate Dimple Yadav won the Mainpuri parliamentary bypoll, defeating her nearest Bharatiya janata Party (BJP) rival, Raghuraj Singh Shakya. Considered as SP's bastion, the seat was held by party patriarch Mulayam Singh Yadav and it got vacated after his death on October 10. PTI

Hundreds of civilians killed in DR Congo by M23 rebels, says UN

131 The number of civilians massacred in DR Congo by M23 rebels last month, according to a preliminary probe into the killings, the UN mission in the country said. They also committed two dozen rapes. The group has denied any responsibility, blaming "stray bullets" for the deaths of eight civilians. AFP

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The sustained growth in remittances

What are the general trends seen in remittances this year? Which are India's top source countries for inflow of money? Has there been a shift from the Gulf to other regions? What does the World Bank's report say about future trends?

EXPLAINER

G. Sampath

The story so far:

Remittances to India are set to touch a record $100 billion in 2022, according to the World Bank's latest Migration and Development Brief titled, 'Remittances Brave Global Headwinds'. India received $89.4 billion in 2021 – this is the first time a country will reach the $100 billion mark.

What is a remittance?

It denotes a sum of money sent by one party to another. These days, the term describes the money sent by someone working abroad to their family back home. In the case of India, the largest sources of remittances have been from Indians working in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries (UAE, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, Qatar, Kuwait), and the U.S./U.K.

What has been the general trend in remittances this year?

World remittances are expected to touch $794 billion in 2022, up from $781 billion in 2021. This represents a growth of 4.9%, compared to 10.2% in 2021, which was the highest since 2010. Of the $794 billion, $626 billion went to low- and middle-income countries (LMICs). Remittances represent an even larger source of external finance for LMICs in 2022, compared to foreign direct investment (FDI), official development assistance (ODA), and portfolio investment flows. The top five recipient countries this year are expected to be India ($100 billion), followed by Mexico ($60 billion), China ($50 billion), the Philippines ($38 billion) and Egypt ($32 billion).

What are the reasons behind the sustained growth in remittances?

According to the World Bank, one of the main reasons is the gradual reopening of various sectors in host-country economies, following pandemic-induced closures and travel disruptions. This "improved migrant workers' incomes and employment situations and thereby their ability to send money home." An allied reason was the "migrants' determination to help their families back home" during the tough post-pandemic recovery phase. The report notes that the 10.2% growth in remittances achieved in 2021, that too against the backdrop of the pandemic, owed a lot to the stimulus measures enacted "to underpin faltering high-income economies", especially in the U.S. and Europe, which helped to support employment levels and maintain or increase incomes of migrant workers, enabling them to send money home.

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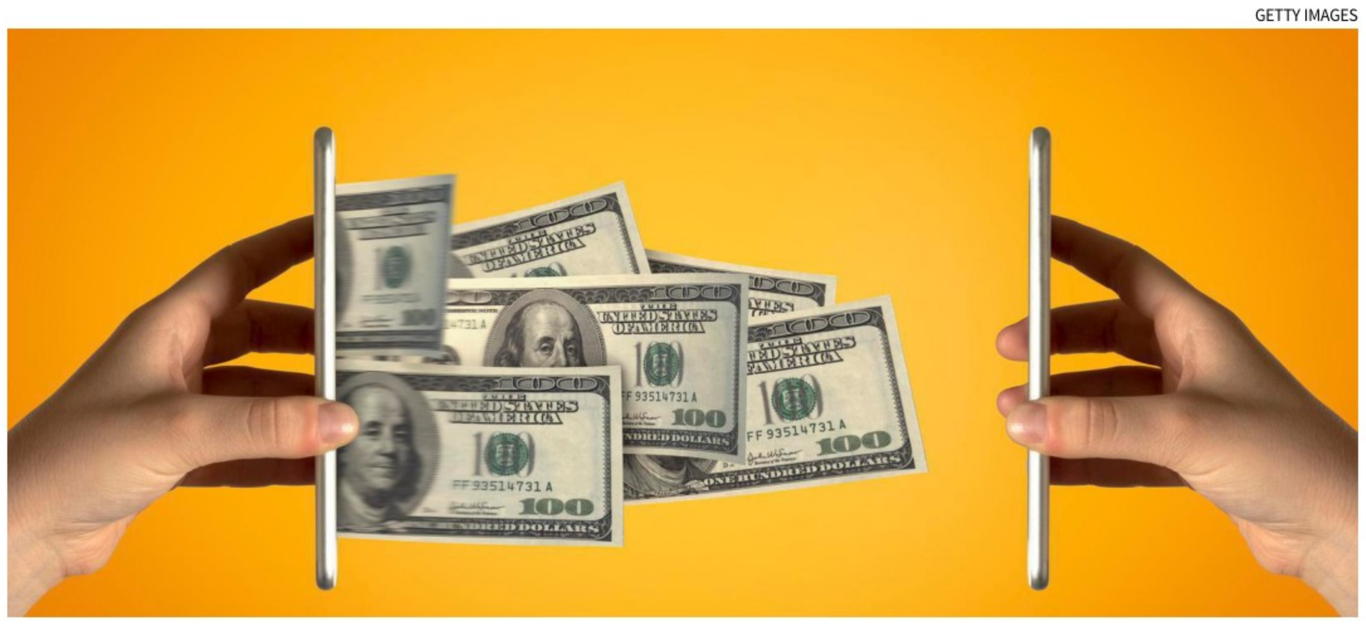

What are the reasons behind the resilience of India's inward remittance flows?

The report points to a structural shift in India's remittance economy, both in terms of the top destination countries, and the nature of the jobs held by migrants. It notes that "remittances have benefitted from a gradual structural shift in Indian migrants' key destinations from largely low-skilled, informal employment in the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries to a dominant share of high-skilled jobs in high-income countries such as the U.S., the U.K., and East Asia (Singapore, Japan, Australia, New Zealand)." In fact, between 2016-17 and 2020-21, while the remittances from the U.S., U.K. and Singapore increased from 26% to 36%, the share from five GCC countries dropped from 54% to 28%. In 2020-21, the U.S., with a share of 23%, surpassed Saudi Arabia as India's top source country for remittances.

With 20% of India's emigrants in the U.S. and the U.K., "the structural shift in qualifications and destinations has accelerated growth in remittances tied to high-salaried jobs, especially in services," states the report. This made a big difference during the pandemic, when "Indian migrants in high-income countries worked from home and benefitted from large fiscal stimulus packages" while in the post-pandemic phase, "wage hikes and record-high employment conditions supported remittance growth in the face of high inflation".

In the GCC countries, Indian migrants benefited from governments' direct support measures to keep inflation low.

Finally, the report adds that Indian migrants may also have "taken advantage" of the depreciation of the Indian rupee vis-à-vis the U.S. dollar - it fell by 10% between January and September 2022 - to increase their remittances.

What does the report say about future trends?

The report predicts that growth in remittances will fall to 2% in 2023 as the GDP growth in high-income countries continues to slow, eroding migrants' wage gains. For South Asia as a whole, the growth in remittances is expected to fall from 3.5% in 2022 to 0.7% in 2023. In the U.S., higher inflation combined with a slowdown will limit remittance flows, while the GCC countries will also see cooling of remittance outflows following a slowdown. The demand for labour is expected to soften as construction activities for the FIFA World Cup in Qatar have ended. Nonetheless, remittances to India are forecast to grow by 4% next year, "supported by the large share of Indian migrants earning relatively high salaries in the U.S., the U.K. and East Asia".

Their salaries, the report notes, "may be more resilient than those of lower-wage migrants, for example in the GCC".

THE GIST

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What will India offer during its presidency of the G20?

Why was the G20 forum constituted? What are the challenges as India undertakes the G20 presidency? Will issues like inflation, worldwide recessions and the war in Ukraine impact the functioning of the forum?

Priyali Prakash

The story so far:

On December 1, India assumed the presidency of the G20 forum. Prime Minister Narendra Modi called it a "huge opportunity for India". The G20 comprises Argentina, Australia, Brazil, Canada, China, France, Germany, India, Indonesia, Italy, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Mexico, Russia, Saudi Arabia, South Africa, Turkey, the U.K., the U.S. and the European Union.

What is the history of the G20 forum?

The G20 forum was established in 1999 by the Finance Ministers and central bank governors of seven countries - Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, the U.K., and the U.S. after a meeting in Washington DC.

The uniting factor was the 1997-98 financial crisis and its aftermath.

The first meeting of G20 leaders took place in 1999, and it was elevated to the level of heads of government/state in 2008. In 2009, G20 was designated the "premier forum for international economic cooperation".

The forum initially dealt with matters related to macroeconomics, but over the years, its agenda has expanded to cover issues relating to trade, climate change, sustainable development, health, agriculture, energy, and environment.

What does India's presidency mean?

The G20 Summit is held annually under a rotating presidency, which rests with India for 2023. The group does not have a permanent secretariat, and the presidency is supported by the previous, current, and future holders of the post, together called the troika.

Along with India, 2023's troika includes Indonesia and Brazil.

As the President-nation, India will host the 18th G20 Heads of State and Government Summit in December 2023 in New Delhi.

Apart from hosting the summit and setting the theme, the G20 presidency does not come with any formal powers. However, India plans on showcasing its philosophies of *Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam* (one earth, one family, one future), and LiFE (Lifestyle for Environment) through the theme and the logo of the event. India's G20 presidency is "striving for just and equitable growth for all in the world, as we navigate through these turbulent times, in a sustainable, holistic, responsible, and inclusive manner," an official statement said.

India's presidency also comes as many countries witness inflation and recession trends, compounded by the Russia-Ukraine war and the standoff between the European Union and Russia.

India's own problems with China, also a part of the G20 group, pose a potential issue for the effective functioning of the forum. However, Prime Minister Narendra Modi's brief interaction with Chinese President Xi Jinping during the G20 Summit in Indonesia in November 2022 has left experts feeling optimistic about the situation.

How does the G20 forum work?

The processes under G20 are divided into two parallel tracks – the finance track and the sherpa track. The finance track is led by Finance Ministers and central bank governors of member nations, who meet throughout the year. Sherpas, who are personal emissaries of leaders, lead the sherpa track. They oversee negotiations all through the year, discussing agenda items for the summit and coordinating the substantive work of the G20.

Working groups designed around specific themes operate within both tracks. These include representatives from relevant ministries of member nations and invited/guest countries too.

Various international organisations such as the United Nations, International Monetary Fund, and the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development also participate in working groups.

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HYDERABAD THE FASTEST GROWING METRO IN THE COUNTRY

Roads - Pathways for Development

Durgam Cheruvu Cable Bridge taken up under SRDP

Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP):

Road Infrastructure in Urban Areas is taken up under Strategic Road Development Project (SRDP). 47 major road works are constructed at the cost of 5,930 Crs of which 34 works including 18 flyovers, 14 underpasses/ROBs/RUBs, 1 cable bridge at Durgam Cheruvu are completed- This has helped to decongest the traffic ensuring seamless connectivity within the city.

Missing Link Roads under HRDCL:

A total of 21 important missing link road structures are completed and another 11 are in progress, with the total outlay of 490 Crs. covering 44 kms. These missing roads have helped to cut down the commuting time and reduced traffic congestion.

Comprehensive Road Maintenance Program (CRMP):

812 kms of major important roads used by almost 3/4th of Hyderabad population have been taken up for regular maintenance under PPP for a period of 5 years at the cost of Rs.1839 Crs. This has had salutary effects on the upkeep even during peak rainy season

Strategic Nala Development Program (SNDP):

In order to provide the natural flow of excess surface water during rainy season, 56 works - mainly important storm water drains and 'nalas' costing Rs. 985 Crs., have been taken up under Strategic Nala Development Programme (SNDP). Based on the Natural Micro Basin Gradient, this will help control urban flooding on a permanent basis.

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- Hyderabad had a total water supply availability of 18 TMC at the time of formation of the state on 2014. Since then, another 15.5 TMC has been added making it a total of 33.5 TMC presently.
- In addition, another 33 TMC from Sunkishala & 20 TMC from Kaleshwaram i.e a total of 53 TMC is being added for Hyderabad
- And this source augmentation will take care of water supply requirement upto 2050.

Set to be only city in India ensuring 100% Sewerage Treatment

An additional 1259 MLD sewerage is proposed to be processed with ongoing construction of 31 STPs and with this Hyderabad will be the only city in the country to achieve this status of 100% sewerage treated by March 2023

24/7 Assured Power Supply

Hyderabad islanding scheme is in place with installed capacity of 3700 MW to meet the requirement of Hyderabad and other critical loads. The islanding scheme operate at worst grid condition at frequency 47.9 Hz

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In addition 153 Nos of 33/11 KV substations, automation of 228 Nos of 33/11 KV substations and are provided with SCADA/DMS equipment

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- 3 Million sq.ft building coming up in Gachibowli

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- Largest tech development centre outside US

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META (FACEBOOK)
- Hyderabad - Largest and the only development centre in Asia

MICROSOFT
- Largest campus outside US

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‘Rapid road’ tech will be used only after testing quality and assessing cost: CM

In this method, precast slabs are prepared, joined, strengthened, and laid. As an experiment, it has been used on a 375-metre stretch on busy OMR

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government will consider construction of “rapid roads” by using pre-cast technology only after examining its quality and cost effectiveness, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday, after inaugurating the pilot project on the busy Old Madras Road (OMR).

Along with quality, the cost involved is also very important, he said. “A decision will be taken after receipt of the report in this regard. They had faced several problems at the time of construction of roads in Bengaluru. White-topping will take a lot of time. Traffic has to be diverted. Once laid, it will be very difficult to break the white-topped roads in case of any problems. The rapid road technology is an alternative,” he said.

The ‘rapid roads’ pilot project on Old Madras Road that was inaugurated by Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Thursday.

In “rapid road” method, precast slabs are prepared, joined, strengthened, and then laid. As an experiment, a 375-metre stretch has been laid on OMR.

“I have come here to inspect and given suggestions. We need to run 20-tonne-plus vehicles on this road continuously and then analyse it. I have sought a report on the impact on the road due to the movement of heavy vehicles. Ultimately, the work must be completed quickly, with good quality and should be cost effective,” he added.

If it is found to be cost-effective, the technology will be used on roads where there is a need to take up white-topping, and on roads that handle heavy traffic, where the work needs to be done quickly. When informed that the cost of rapid road will be 30% more than for white-topping, he said that the cost has to be reduced.

Notably, the stretch on OMR was opened after missing several deadlines. The repair work was announced on November 23. The pilot project was supposed to be completed in 3 days, but took 13. The road sees a large volume of traffic daily, including inter-State transport vehicles.

Traffic police deploy ITMS system to enforce rules in contactless way

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

In an effort to upgrade traffic management and enforce rules among motorists in a contactless manner, the Bengaluru Traffic police launched the Intelligence Traffic Management System (ITMS) and installed them at 50 junctions across the city.

This system, according to Special Commissioner of Police (Traffic) M.A. Saleem, enables the traffic police to auto detect traffic violations which include exceeding speed limit, red-light violations, helmetless riding, and so on.

The ITMS consists of artificial intelligence and enables solutions with 250 automatic numberplate recognition cameras and 80 red-light violation detection cameras installed at 50 junctions to detect violations. These cameras automatically detect the violations and generate challans which were sent to the violators via SMS and through post. These cameras record violations round-the-clock and the entire system is completely automated.

With this, the system saves a lot of traffic manpower which can be redeployed for traffic management and traffic regulation to provide better traffic service to the public.

The objective of ITMS is to automatically detect traffic violations in a contactless manner and send auto generated challans to the violators with minimum human intervention, Mr. Saleem said.

The IMTS employs artificial intelligence and machine learning to automatically detect different traffic violations.

Labourer on the run after raping minor girl with disabilities on city outskirts

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Jigani police are the lookout for a labourer who is on the run after raping a 16-year-old physically challenged girl on the outskirts of the city on Tuesday.

The accused, Prabhakar, was working at an underconstruction house adjacent to the place, where the victim was living with her mother and elder brother. The victim stayed alone at home while her brother and mother went to work.

On Tuesday, when the mother returned home, she realised the girl was missing. While searching for her, the mother received a call from an unknown number and the caller told her that her daughter was with them at Doddanagamangala Circle. The mother along with her relatives rushed to the spot and brought the victim home and she narrated her ordeal.

According to the police, the accused offered to take her on a joy ride on his scooter, but took her to a room, where his friend Anand was also present. The accused raped her and assaulted her when she tried to resist, said the police.

However, she managed to give them the slip and and reached the main road and sought the help of an autorickshaw driver and called her mother.

The police have registered a case against Prabhakar and Anand, charging them under various sections of SC/ST Atrocities Act, POCSO and also under rape and abduction charges.

City to have Innovation Experience Museum on NGEF campus

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government will set up a Tech and Innovation Museum on the sprawling factory campus of the erstwhile NGEF (New Government Electric Factory), a State-owned enterprise that used to manufacture pump sets, transformers, motors, switchgear, power electronics, semiconductor devices, and mechanical engineering products until 2002.

Global standards

The museum, to be set under a public-private-participation model, would approximately cost over ₹100 crore and it would become operational in the next 24 months, as per sources close to the government.

The proposed Innovation Experience Museum was aimed at motivating the present and future generations by offering them a narrative on the people behind building Bengaluru to what it was today, said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai here on Thursday.

This museum of international standards would come up on the 240-acre NGEF land at Baiyappanahalli.

“This will be a theme park of international quality. A learning centre with mega displays and descriptions of our innovators, their innovations and achievements that contributed to building this city and grooming it to be a global brand,” the Chief Minister said while inaugurating Future Design Summit, a three-day design event on Thursday.

According to Mr. Bommai, this museum will be synchronised with greenary. “It will be a green and beautiful place with a tree park, an attractive destination for tourists within the country and those from overseas,‘ he added.

Tech legacies

Globally, leading tech hubs like Tel Aviv and Seattle have underlined their tech legacies through museums. Peres Centre for Peace and Innovation in Tel Aviv and Bezos Centre of Innovation in Seattle are great recent examples.

“We hope our museum will add Bengaluru to this global list,” said Prashanth Prakash, chairman, UnboxingBLR Foundation and founding partner, Accel India, a city-based private equity firm.

Mr. Bommai has invited designers and innovators in the city to join hands with the government to resolve the biggest challenges around road (traffic) management and water management (lakes).

He said he wanted designers/innovations to get involved in making the existing road infrastructure in the city more friendly and safe for individuals as well as corporates, without disrupting the existing infrastructure.

“Why don’t you people apply design thinking and make our places better. Tell us how to redesign our M.G. Road, Brigade Road, Commercial Street, Basavanagudi, Malleswaram, Jayanagar, Indiranagar or BTM Layout in terms of making these areas look better aesthetically and architecturally, at the same time protecting our heritage,” he said.

Rain relief: Cabinet clears ₹350 crore action plan of BBMP

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The State Cabinet on Thursday cleared a ₹350 crore action plan of the BBMP for building storm-water drains and retaining walls at various places that were affected by the recent floods.

Briefing presspersons after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliament Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said the corporation had been permitted to make any minor modifications if required.

He said the Cabinet had also given clearance for providing 7 acres of government land in Yelahanka to the Karnataka Lawn Tennis Association on a 30-year lease for building a tennis stadium.

The Cabinet decided to change the alignment of the long-pending Intermediate ring roads that are proposed to link various towns on the Bengaluru outskirts and issue a fresh notification in this regard.

The Minister said such a change in alignment was required to suit various roads and highways that have come up of late.

The Cabinet also gave administrative clearance to the BMTC to operate 921 non-AC electric buses under a Central scheme under which the State would get ₹39,82 lakh for each bus.

KARNATAKA POWER CORPORATION LIMITED
(Ballari Thermal Power Station)
CIN: U85110KA1970SGC001919
NO.:KPCL/2022-23/PS/WORK_ INDENT13034/CALL-3 Date:05.12.2022
NOTICE INVITING TENDER
(Through e-procurement portal only) (Two Cover System)
Bids are invited through GOK e-procurement portal **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** from qualified agencies for the work of **Providing and Erection of Guide Supports / Brackets for ThyssenKrupp lift installed at Technical Building at BTPS.** Last date and time for submission of bids: **19.12.2022 upto 17.00hrs**. Further details can be had from the office of the **Executive Engineer (CAM-1),** BTPS, KPCL, Kudathini-583 152. Ballari Dist. Mob: 9448290572.

INSTITUTE FOR SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC CHANGE
Dr. V.K.R.V. Rao Road, Nagarabhavi P.O. Bengaluru-560 072. *www.isec.ac.in*
TENDER NOTIFICATION
Dated: 07th December 2022
Sealed tenders are invited for **Internal painting to the staff quarters at ISEC** from the reputed Bengaluru based contractors having adequate experience in such works. Interested agencies may collect the tender by paying Rs.1000/- by cash / DD / Pay Order of any scheduled bank drawn in favour of **“The Registrar, Institute for Social and Economic Change, Bengaluru”**, from Institute at the above address. Pre-bid meeting will be held on **27 December 2022 at 11.00 a.m**. Last Date for submission of sealed tender: **06 January 2023.** Tenders will be opened on **10 January 2023 at 3.00 p.m.** in the Committee Room. Interested Tenderers may be present while opening the tenders.
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PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

WE, SAGAR C Makkini & Meghna S Makkini R/a No.1068, 25th main, 15th Cross, Banashankari 2nd Stage, Bangalore-560070. have changed our minor daughter's name from Iha Makkini to Aira Makani Vide affidavit Date : 06-12-2022. Sworn before Notary : B.S. Geetha.

I, MANJUNATHA Swamy S/O S. Sadashivaiah born on 01–06–1969 residing at 1233/201, Lakshmi Enclave Apts, 2nd Main Rd, BEML 3rd Stage, RR nagar, Bangalore–98, have changed my name to Manjunatha Swamy B S vide affidavit dated 07–Dec–2022 at Bangalore.

I, SYED Izhar Aiman Mushtaq, S/o Syed Mushtaq, residing at No.23, 1st Main, 2nd Cross, K G Halli, Ambedkar Medical College Road, Bengaluru-560045, Karnataka have changed my name to Syed Izhar Aiman vide affidavit dated 07-12-2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

I, ABDUL Wahab, S/o Abdul Gaffar Nadave, residing at No.04, 1st Main Road, 1st Cross, LBS Nagar, Indiranagar, Bengaluru-560038, have changed my name to Abdul Wahab Nadave vide affidavit dated 07-12-2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENT

I, RANJINI, R/at Manu Hari Cottage, No. 38, RM Nagar, Bang 16 have changed my name from JOSEPHINE REGINA to RANJINI, and correct Date of birth is 26/08/1965 for all future purposes by affidavit dated 08–12–2022, Sworn before the Notary SESHAGIRI, Bang 43

I, SABA MUSA, have changed my name from SABHA MOOSA WAJID KHAN to SABA MUSA, for all future purposes by affidavit dated 07–12–2022, Sworn before the Notary UDAYKUMAR. K, Bang 43

PERSONAL

CHANGE OF NAME

I, SHILPA Rohan Dhume ,W/O Rohan Umesh Dhume ,R/O C1302, Magnifica, Brigade Gardenia Apts, JP Nagar 7th Phase, Blr– 78 have changed my name as "Shilpa Dhume" vide afdvt dtd 06/12/2022.

I, NAFIYA Tahreem, W/o Avoor Mohammed Taha, residing at No.30, Spencer Road, Frazer Town, Bengaluru-560005, Karnataka have changed my name to Nafiya Tahreem Mandalappai vide affidavit dated 07-12-2022 before Meer Hassan Notary Bengaluru.

EDUCATIONAL

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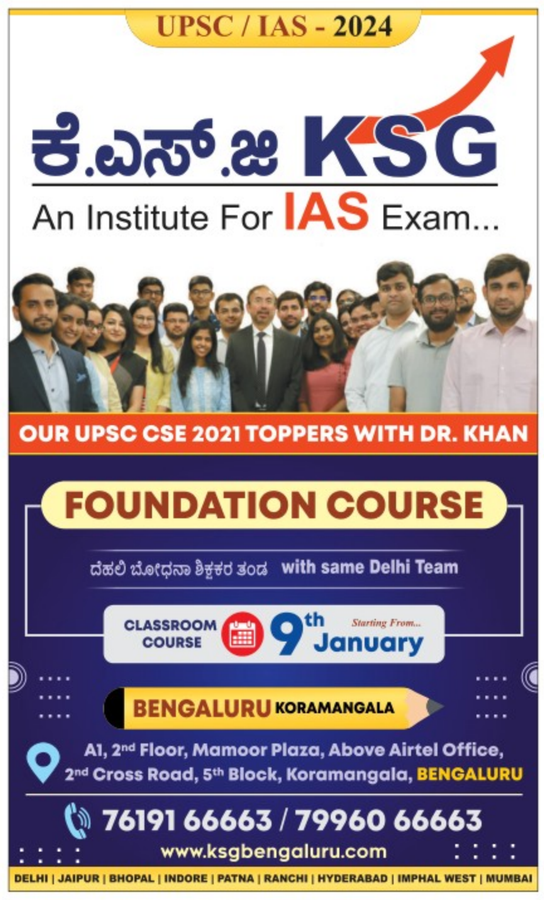

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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE HONBLE MOTOR ACCIDENTS CLAIMS TRIBUNAL ERNAKULAM
I A No. 108 of 2020
In
OP MV NO. 1139 of 2004
Petitioner : Oriental Insurance Co. Ltd., MTPC Office, Ernakulam.
6th Respondent : Nagesh Kinarkar @ Rupesh S/o Asok, Sinadu Bhagom, Karvar Taluk, Uttar Karnataka District, Karnataka State.
NOTICE
The respondent herein above may take notice that the above case is posted for your appearance at 11 am on 24/12/22. In case you fail to appear either personally or through your Advocate, the case will be decided exparte.
Dated this the 14th day of November 2022
By Order,
K. GIRIJA, ADVOCATE

IN THE COURT OF THE PRL SENIOR CIVIL JUDGE AT ANEKAL
O.S. NO.800/ 2016.
BETWEEN: Sri M. Raju & other. ...PLAINTIFF
AND: Sri P. M. Bhadregowda & others ...DEFENDANTS
SUMMONS TO DEFENDANT No.3. 5,6, 9 & 10 UNDER ORDER 5 RULE 20(A) OF CODE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE CODE
D3. M/s. Sree Prakruthi Builders & Developers, A partnership firm having its Office at No.26, 1st Floor, 9th Cross, 16th Main, BTM 1st Stage, Bangalore-560076 Rep its Partner Sri Purandara Reddy S/o. Chinnathambi Reddy, **D5. Sri Yellamapally Rammohan Reddy,** S/o. Sri Yellamapally Sudhakar Reddy, aged about 42 years R/at. 2nd Floor, Parimala Gate Apartment, Outer Ring Road, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037, **D6. Mrs. Yellammapally Paripoorna,** W/o. Yellamapally Karunakara Reddy, aged about 40 years, R/at. Madhavi Enclave Flat No.G 103, Friend Colony, Puppal Guda Village, Mani Konda, Ranjendra nagar Mandal, Rangareddy District, Hydrabad-560081, **D9. Kiran.T,** S/o. Late Mahalinga Naik aged about 63 years , **D10. Smt. Revathi,** W/o Krishna.T, aged about 53 years, D9 & 10 are R/at Flat No.103, RMP Apartment, 1st Cross, Kempegowda nagar, T. Dasarahalli Bangalore-560007.
Whereas the plaintiff has filled the above suit against the defendants for the relief of Partition and declaration and other consequential relief of in respect of the suit schedule property. Whereas the below mentioned defendant is hereby set to be appear before this court either in person or through, pleader to answer all the question involved in the matter on **20/01/2023** at 11.00 AM failing which, the court will hear the matter in your absence and proceed with the matter in accordance with law.
SCHEDULE PROPERTIES
Item No. 1: All the piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy No.55, Measuring 2 acre 0.09, excluding 0.05 guntas of Kharab situated at Lingapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on: **East by:** Lingappa's Land, **West by:** A. Siddaiah's Property, **North by:** Tank Bed, **South by:** Angalashappa and brothers Property.
Item No.2: All the piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy No.42, Measuring 1 acre 33 guntas situated at Lingapura Village, Kasaba Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore District, and bounded on: **East by:** Land bearing Sy No.47 belongs to Ramaiah. **West by:** Land bearing Sy No.41/1, belongs to Pillaiah, **North by:** Land bearing Sy No.48, belongs to Kempanna. **South by:** land bearing Sy No.43, belongs to Kemapana, Choodappa & Subbaiah.
Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 21/10/2021.
By order of the court, Chief Ministerial Officer, Senior Civil Judge & J.M.F.C. Court Anekal.
Advocate for the Plaintiff:
A. Shivarama and Associates
No. 156/1C, 2nd Floor, RV Road, V.V Puram, Bangalore-560011.

PUBLIC NOTICE
General public are hereby informed that, our client **Sri.Vijay Anand V.** has lost the original Sale deed dated 24-05-1980, registered as document No.1610/1980-81, in respect of property bearing No.66/2 of **Kowdenahalli, Ramamurthynagar, K.R.Puram Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk,** while taking Xerox copy of the same at Ramamurthy Nagar near Reliance Mart on 08-12-2022. If anybody found the said document please contact this Nos. 9844155041 and 9886980530.
V.S.Rai & Associates, LAW FIRM
No.23,"Venkatadri" 6th Main,
5th Cross, S.R.Nagar, Bangalore-27.

PUBLIC NOTICE
This notice is issued on behalf of my client **Mrs.Farhana Banu,** W/o Late Syed Rasul to bring to the notice of the general public that the Original sale deeds (1) bearing doc.no.848/1998-99, in Book-1, Volume No.2000 at pages 243 to 246, dated: 24.06.1998, (2) bearing doc.no.3620/2002-03 in Book-1, same was stored in CD No.11, both are registered in the office of the Sub-Registrar Srirampuram, Bangalore, are lost.
If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they shall return the same or contact the undersigned in writing within **07 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.
Schedule : All the piece and parcel of property bearing No.7, situated at **5th Cross, Shamanna Nagar, Guddadahalli, K.P.Agrahara, Bangalore-560 026,** BBMP W-134(42), Measuring East to west : 20-0 Feet and North to South : 26-0 Feet, in all measuring 520 Square Feet, along with residential house thereon and bounded on: **East by : Property No.6, West by : Railway Line, North by : Road, South by : Property No.8.**
Raviprakash.H.C, Advocate,
#644/32, 6th Main, Vijayanagar,
Bengaluru-560040.

PUBLIC NOTICE
It is brought to the notice of the General Public that, our client intends to Purchase the immovable property more fully described in the schedule hereunder. Any persons, financial institutions, etc., having any sort of claim / rights / interest / charge on the below said property or any objections for the said sale of the property may file their objections in writing along with supporting documents, addressed to the undersigned within **7 days** from the date of publication of this notice, failing which, it shall be construed that, there are no claims of any sort over the below said property and our client shall be advised to proceed with the proposed transaction and any claims thereafter shall not be entertained.
SCHEDULE PROPERTY
All that piece and parcel of the land in **Sy.No.49,** measuring 06 Acres 06 Guntas out of **17 Acres 23 Guntas**, situated at **Kaggalipura Village, Sarjapura Hobli, Anekal Taluk, Bangalore Urban District** and bounded on:
East by : Remaining land in Sy.No.49 belonging to Gowramma & Thimmarayappa, West by : Remaining land in Sy.No.49 belonging to Shyamanna, North by : Road, South by : Land in Sy.No.50 & 80.
M/s. Jury Legal Solutions,
Advocates,
No. 8, 14th Cross, 14th Main, 4th Sector, HSR Layut, Bangalore-560102.
M : 9886077827/9902195500/9844897355
Bangalore Date : 08-12-2022

PUBLIC NOTICE
General Public hereby notified that my clients **1. Sri. Santhosh Kumar R,** Aged 33 years, S/o Sri. Rajesha S R, **2) Smt. Indusree S,** Aged about 30 years, W/o Sri. Santhosh Kumar R, **3) Sri. Sampath Kumar S.R,** Aged 36 years, S/o Sri. Rajesha S R, All are Residing at No. 2354, MIG, 17th B Cross, 3rd Phase, Yelahanka New Town, Bengaluru-560064 are intended to purchase the schedule property mentioned below from its title owner **Sri. Manohar Lal Gandhi** S/o S.M. Gandhi R/at No. 1339, Gangappa, 15th Main Road, 20th Cross, Opposite PNS Silks, 'A' Block, Sahukarnagar, Bengaluru-92 if anybody having any right, title or interest over the Schedule Property, they may contact the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of this notification, with all objections and documents in case no objections and documents are not received within 10 days my client will proceed to purchase the schedule property, thereby treating that there are no objections to purchase.
SCHEDULE
All that part and parcel of the property bearing **Site No. 875/714, 707 CHS,** situated at **Attur Ward No.3 Yelahanka Settalite Town, Bengaluru-560064, measuring 12.5+12.6x9.20 meters** and bounded on:
East by: Wheel and Axel Plant quarters Compound, **West by**: Road, **North by:** Site No. 713, **South by:** House No. 715.
Sd/-
N.D. Onkarappa, Advocate
#1619, 3rd Main, Judicial Layout,
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IN THE LIMELIGHT

A still from the show, *Forecasting Love and Weather.*

Female leads in K-Dramas: navigating between personal and professional life

There is a seemingly conscious writing choice in several mainstream K-Dramas, especially those centred around romance — a woman's career and ambition are not sidelined in favour of the romance and the ensuing drama

S. Poorvaja

In a scene from the 2019 K-Drama, *Her Private Life*, Sung Duk-Mi (played by Park Min-Young) and her boyfriend Ryan Gold (played by Kim Jae-Wook) have an early morning conversation about art and their childhoods.

"Although I failed to become an artist, at least I became a person who hangs up paintings at a gallery," says Duk-Mi, a chief curator at a private museum. Gold, an artist, is quick to notice the dismissive tone and points out the importance of what Duk-Mi does. "Nowadays we don't go to an exhibition and see a piece of art directly. What we see is a concept of what a curator perceives as art," he says, quoting Slavoj Zizek, the Slovenian philosopher.

Her Private Life is not a deeply philosophical show; on the contrary, it is a breezy, romantic comedy filled with the tropes we associate with most feel-good K-Dramas. There's a childhood connection, temporary memory loss, a grumpy male lead with a heart of gold, and a warm female lead. But a lot of screen time is used to show Duk-Mi's life as a curator and her love for art. Over the course of the show, she tracks down a reclusive artist, curates a celebrity exhibition, and puts up with the whims of her difficult boss. In the meantime, she meets Gold and falls head-over-heels in love.

A refreshing change

This is a seemingly conscious writing choice in several mainstream K-Dramas, especially those centred around romance – a woman's career and ambition are not sidelined in favour of the romance and the ensuing drama.

These K-Dramas enable us to immerse ourselves in the lives of women who are museum curators, weather forecasters, taekwondo champions-turned-webtoon editors, reality show producers, journalists, screenwriters, rebellious entrepreneurs, or even regular office workers.

For a long time, mainstream films, especially rom-coms, have sacrificed the ambitions of working women at the altar of romance. Women's ambitions have often been ridiculed. And the more they are shown to grow in their careers, the harder it becomes for them to find a significant other. If they are not pursuing a glamorous profession, even less is shown about what a day in the life of the female lead looks like. We hardly get to know anything about her responsibilities or work friends, and even less about the possible gender-related difficulties she faces at the workplace.

Park Min-Young plays a weather forecaster in the K-Drama, *Forecasting Love and Weather,* which released earlier this year. The writing is in fact compelling in the parts which focus on how she tackles her professional challenges and lacks lustre in the portions on the romance. Such a deep dive into the life of a weather forecaster, let alone a woman forecaster, is rare in any rom-com.

Son Ye-Jin plays Yoon Se-Ri, an heiress who is estranged from her family and is a hugely successful entrepreneur in the cross-border romance K-Drama, *Crash Landing On You*. In one of the most telling, laugh-out-loud scenes, Se-Ri, who is stranded in North Korea, beams with pride when she finds her cosmetics line being sold surreptitiously at a market there. She immediately proceeds to give the seller a lesson in effective marketing.

There are also shows which depict male leads and also equally give space to women. The 2017 coming-of-age-romance, *Fight For My Way,* shows a male lead struggling to make a comeback as a boxer. But there is also significant screen time given to a woman who wants to make it big as a sports announcer and her friend, an office worker who discovers her entrepreneurial streak. There is more to the women than just existing solely as spectators of the journeys that the men embark on.

Barriers at work

Some K-Dramas also empathetically portray the barriers that women face at work. Woo Su-Ji, a character in the 2017 slice-of-life K-Drama, *Because This Is My First Life,* is a mid-level office worker who harbours dreams of becoming a part of the top management. She is a rare woman employee there, who has to constantly put in extra hours to be taken seriously while also enduring sexist chatter, sexual harassment and male workplace bullies.

The sensitivity in chronicling both the personal and professional lives of these women, irrespective of the genre, comes from having women screenwriters in large numbers

And in one of the most affecting episodes in this year's smash hit *Extraordinary Attorney Woo*, Woo Young-Woo, a lawyer on the autism spectrum disorder who herself has to navigate prejudice, finds herself forced to defend a large corporation with sexist workplace policies. *My Liberation Notes* shows one of its leads, Mi Jeong (Kim Ji-Won), being let go from her job after becoming a victim to office politics and the schemes of a sleazy colleague.

According to the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD), South Korea has a wage gap of 31.1% as of 2021, which is the highest among all of the OECD member countries. The wage gap, sexism at the workplace, discrimination and harassment are themes that women anywhere can resonate with, irrespective of the language and location featured in these shows.

Many women struggle to re-enter the workforce after giving birth; some drop out altogether due to various reasons. The 2019 romantic comedy drama, *Romance is a Bonus Book*, focuses on the former. Kang Dan-I (Lee Na-Young) is a single mother who is trying to re-enter the workforce. She is told at a job interview by a male interviewer that she has been "lazing around" for too long after quitting her job. To make matters worse, a woman on the same panel later tells her how competitive the market is for women even in their twenties, and asks her not to be proud about her experience as a housewife. This portion shows, importantly, how patriarchy cuts across gender.

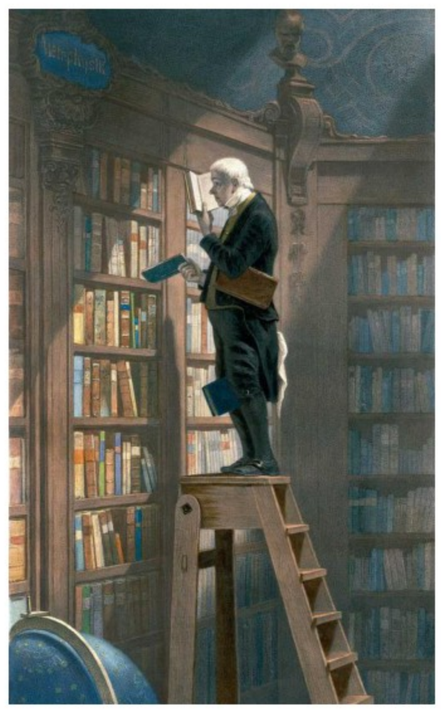
Later in the show, Dan-I goes on to find a non-toxic, nurturing workspace where she finds herself and rediscovers her capabilities, all while getting a second shot at love. Journeys like these, which women can relate to and feel comforted by, are few and far between otherwise on screen.

Women screenwriters

This sensitivity in chronicling both the personal and professional lives of these women, irrespective of the genre, comes from having women screenwriters in large numbers. Tropes such as the 'candy girl' (a hardworking poor girl who finds a rich Prince Charming) have largely given way to nuanced, evolved portrayals of women.

Female-centric K-Dramas in particular, such as *Search WWW* and *Be Melodramatic*, show women navigating their careers and taking workplace conflicts head on – while the men in their lives remain largely passive spectators.

Looking ahead to the end of the year and 2023, here's hoping women's journeys, their growth, and their careers find more representation, and K-Dramas continue to herald this change.



FROM THE ARCHIVES

Know your English

"Good morning, sir."

"Good morning."

"Sir, Mr. A.N. Manivannan, Secretary, Birungimamalai Renaming Committee, Madras, says that 'Parangimalai' was known earlier as 'Birungimamalai', named after 'Birungi Munivar'. He says that foreigners pronounced 'Birungi' as 'Feringe'. He doesn't accept your explanation.'"

"I don't want to enter into any argument. All that I know is that 'Feringe' is a corruption of 'Frank'. This was the name that was originally given to the Portuguese in Iran and India. This is a very old term. In Persian, it is farangi' or 'firingi'.

"Mr. Bhimsen of Raichur wants to know the difference between 'apparent' and 'obvious', sir."

"The word 'apparent' is used in two senses. One is what is 'clear, visible, plain'.

It is apparent that you have not studied the subject.

It is apparent that he has misled us.

The word is also used in another sense. It means 'appearing to the senses or mind as distinct from what really is'.

His apparent indifference is misleading.

His apparent loyalty deceived a number of people.

Here 'apparent' is the opposite of 'actual, real'. 'Obvious' is a Latin word meaning 'lying in one's way'. What is obvious is very clear and is seen at the first sight It is seeing something as clearly as you see something on the road.

He is obviously wrong. He is doing it for obvious reasons."

"Sir, Miss K. Ranganayaki of Nellore wants to know which of the following is correct: "your's faithfully" or "yours' faithfully".

"Neither is correct There should be no apostrophe before or after 's'. Also remember that there is no apostrophe in *his*, *hers*, and *its*.

"Sir, I have seen *its* with an apostrophe after 't'. I'll give an example. *It's wrong*."

"In 'It's wrong', *It's* is a contraction of 'It is'.

It's foolish.

It's going to rain.

Its without the apostrophe means 'of it'.

It moves of its own accord.

What are its parts?

So, you see there is a difference between *its* and *it's*. I hope you understand."

"Yes, sir. Mr. S. Ramesh of Kurnool wants to know the pronunciation of 'hymn', sir."

" 'Hymn' is pronounced like 'him'. The final 'n' is silent. Let's stop here for the day. Goodbye."

"Thank you, sir. Goodbye."

THE DAILY QUIZ

Please send in your answers to dailyquiz@thehindu.co.in

Some significant events occurred on December 9. Here is a quiz on observances, historical facts and everything else that happened on the day.

Abhinaya K

QUESTION 1

This leader, initially reluctant to join politics who went on to become a bigwig, was born on December 9. She addressed her first rally at Sriperumbudur, Tamil Nadu and is a member of an illustrious political clan. Name the leader.

QUESTION 2

Putting an end to the almost 12-year beef and publicly settling their differences, these two rappers came together on this day last year and performed in Los Angeles. Who were the two titans of Hip Hop?

QUESTION 3

Once devastating and deadly, this contagious disease is said to be one of the first to be controlled by a vaccine. Though the official declaration came five months later, the disease was confirmed to have been eradicated on this day in 1979. Name the disease.

QUESTION 4

American journalist Walter Liggett was gunned down in a drive on this day. The incident was witnessed by his wife and young daughter, who would later publish a book about the incidents preceding the murder. Name the author and the book.

QUESTION 5

Blank verse, L'Allegro, freedom of press and Samson Agonistes. They are connected to December 9 through a poet. Identify the connection and the poet.

Visual Question: On this day, an animated movie which features characters from this comic strip first aired on television. Name the movie and the comic. AP

Questions (abridged) and Answers to the previous day's daily quiz: 1. Why is February 11, 2020, important? **Ans: The WHO 'christened' the disease as COVID-19**
2. What does SARS expand to? **Ans: Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome**
3. What does 'corona' in coronavirus refer to? **Ans: Crown. The spike proteins on the virus' coating give it an appearance of a crown or halo**
4. What do anosmia and ageusia mean? **Ans: Loss of smell and taste, respectively**
5. Name the word that comes from the Italian for '40 days'? **Ans: Quarantine**
6. Name the State which reported the first COVID-19 case and the State which reported the first death. **Ans: Kerala and Karnataka**
7. What is the minimum recommended distance to be maintained? **Ans: One metre**
8. Name the term which defines 'process of identifying, assessing, and managing people infected with the COVID-19 virus'? **Ans: Contact tracing**
9. Why were antibiotics not considered a method to fight COVID-19? **Ans: Antibiotics work only against bacterial infections**
Visual: Name this cruise ship. **Ans: Diamond Princess**
Early Birds: Kiran Gadakar | Amit Yadav | Pooja Roy

Word of the day

Ignominious: deserving or causing public disgrace or shame

Synonyms: embarrassing, humiliating, undignified

Usage: *The football team was ignominiously disbanded.*

Pronunciation: https://bit.ly/3FyS5EO

International Phonetic Alphabet: /ˌɪgnə(ʊ)ˈmɪnɪəs/

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Telangana

A leader in urban initiatives

HEALTH

BASTHI DAWAKHANA

263 Basthi dawakhanas are functional, apart from regular OPD services 57 types of medical testing facilities provided. So far 1,96,53,217 people utilized the medical services.

TELANGANA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES AND RESEARCH (TIMS), GACHIBOWLI

The medical facility setup at the peak of Corona Pandemic by the earnest efforts of Hon'ble Chief Minister Sri K. Chandrasekhar Rao is being transformed into a world-class multi-speciality hospital and research centre, adding to the fast-paced growth of medical infrastructure and institutions in the state.

ADMINISTRATIVE REFORMS

TS-bPASS

- Facilitating seamless and hassle free Building / Layout approvals through single window online system
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Unlimited FSI:

There is no restriction on FSI, which is encouraging more housing projects in private sector at affordable cost compared to other metro cities in the country

Liberal TDR:

The affected land owners are being given TDR @ 400% of the land affected, which facilitated the local corporation to take up formation of Major Link Roads, Road Widening / Nala Improvement etc. Land worth Rs.7,500 Crores is acquired by GHMC in last two years without any financial implications, to form / widen 174 roads

TS-iPASS

- A unique futuristic policy
- Self-certification & Automatic approvals
- Online application filing
- Time-bound clearance
- 15 days for approval of mega projects
- Zero tolerance to graft

CREATION OF NEW DISTRICTS

- To bring administration to the doorstep of citizens new districts, new revenue divisions and new mandals have been created in the state. Districts increased from 10 to 33, Revenue Divisions from 37 to 74, Mandals from 464 to 611, ULBs from 68 to 142 and GPs from 8690 to 12769

HERITAGE

PROTECTING THE RICH HERITAGE

The state government has taken up initiatves to protect the heritage and historical legacy of the city. Step-wells, Mozamjahi Market, Qutb Shahi tombs etc., are restored to earn UNESCO recognition. A stepwell in Bansilalpet is already restored and made into a tourist spot.

URBAN TELANGANA INITIATIVES

INTEGRATED VEG AND NON-VEG & MODEL MARKETS

- Furthering economic growth and creating facilities for public the government is set to build separate Veg and Non-Veg, Model markets at a cost of Rs.500 cr. Lands for the facilities have been allocated. Construction of 7 Market Bhavans are completed, works for 125 more facilities are in progress.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

- Awarded the prestigious "World Green City Award 2022" by AIPH
- Hyderabad was awarded as the "Tree City" of the world consecutively for 2020 and 2021 by the Arbor Day Foundation and FAO of the United Nations
- Hyderabad was recognized as UNESCO Creative city in Gastronomy category in 2021
- Telangana state won 26 awards in Swachha Sarvekshan Awards and Indian Swachhta League, instituted by MOHUA, GOI; the second highest as a state in the country in the year 2022
- UNESCO Honour for restoration of stepwells at QutbShahi Tombs (2022)
- And number of other awards by HUDCO, HSMI & other institutions for urban initiatives …

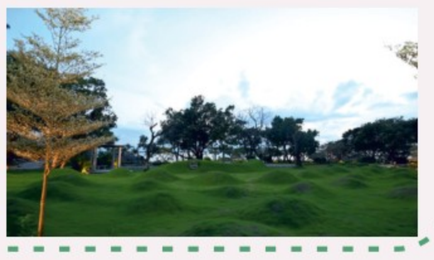
LAKES & URBAN PARKS

PARKS

Hyderabad under the personal initiative and drive of Hon'ble CM KCR has bagged the prestigious AIPH World Green City award. Only city in India to have achieved this feat. GHMC developed 977 parks in the city and also maintains them in partnership with RWAs, NGOs and Colony Associations.

LAKES

More than 100 lakes have been adopted by Corporates and are being taken up for rejuvenation, cleaning and greening to create urban lung spaces.



SOCIAL INFRASTRUCTURE

ANNAPURNA MEALS SATISFYING HUNGER

- Running 150 centers and providing a meal at Rs.5.
- Benefitting 45,000 and more people daily.
- Till today 10,16,09,672 meals provided to the poor people with an expenditure of Rs.196.19 Crs.

MULTIPURPOSE FUNCTION HALLS

Construction of 25 Multipurpose Function Halls undertaken with an outlay of 95.69 Crs. Further GHMC is maintaining 1504 community halls for the requirements of local community.

SPORTS AND GYMS

GHMC has 521 playgrounds and 15 swimming pools. GHMC is providing Gym facilities at 135 places. Nearly 45,000 people use these facilities regularly.

MODEL GRAVEYARDS

Construction of 34 Model Grave yards undertaken with an outlay of Rs. 49.15 Crs. 30 completed and the remaining are in advance stage of completion. All required facilities are provided in a total of 560 graveyards

BUS SHELTERS

For the convenience of the citizens, GHMC constructed 1220 Bus Shelters in private partnership.

PUBLIC TOILETS

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RISE	19:44	SET 08:13
SUNDAY, DEC. 11		
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RISE	20:36	SET 09:04

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Bengaluru Tomorrow
23°C A pleasant but gusty winds to prevaill. Night will be cool. Few spells of moderate to heavy rain and thundershower to occur.

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‘Salaries of Namma Clinic doctors will be enhanced’

‘We are working out modalities to further enhance the remuneration with State funds and although this is a national programme, the State will bear additional expenditure’

INTERVIEW

K. Sudhakar

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

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Concerned over the poor response from doctors for postings in the soon-to-be-launched Namma Clinics, the State Health Department is now working out modalities on increasing the remuneration either in the form of salaries or incentives, said State Health and Medical Education Minister K. Sudhakar.

In an interview with *The Hindu*, the Minister said there is a disparity in doctors’ pay scale in other government facilities and Namma Clinics because the latter is under a national programme. Of the 438 Namma Clinics planned, the State is all set to launch 100 clinics in rural areas on December 14. The plan is to open 100 of the 243 clinics being set up in Bengaluru in the first week of January and the remaining by the end of January.

Here are excerpts from the interview.

How many posts of doctors have been filled so far? What is the plan to attract more doctors?
Most of the positions of doctors at the district level have been filled. The issue is only in Bengaluru, and we have been able to recruit doctors only for 160 of the 243 clinics here so far. Earlier, we had offered a salary of ₹35,000 but now we have increased it to ₹43,000. We are working out modalities to further enhance the remuneration (either salaries or incentives) with State funds. Although this is a national programme, the State will bear the additional expenditure, and we are confident of filling all the posts by next month. I appeal to young doctors to not just consider the monetary aspect.There is so much experience and job satisfaction that you can get.

Do we need Namma Clinics when the existing Urban Primary Health Centres (UPHCs) are languishing?
Healthcare needs and aspirations of urban residents are different from those in rural areas. The current strategy of relying on outreach teams of ANMs and ASHAs alone to provide selective services is not sufficient. State experiences demonstrate that provision of health care services by trained service providers from facilities closer to poorer and vulnerable urban areas is more effective. So, one Namma Clinic will be established for uncovered urban population of 15,000-20,000.

How different will these clinics be from the existing UPHCs?
The UPHCs are designed to deal with around 50,000 patients and are located far away from each other. The objective of Namma Clinics is to decentralise the availability of comprehensive primary health care services and reduce the burden on secondary and tertiary care facilities. Preliminary screening will be done at these clinics and only those cases requiring secondary and tertiary care will be referred to higher centres.”

Shortage of specialists has been a perennial problem in the government facilities. How will you ensure there is no shortage in these clinics?
Each Namma Clinic will be linked to the nearest district hospital/ medical college for specialist services and free referral transport facility will be provided for secondary and tertiary care services on priority. Tele- consultation services will also be provided at these clinics. As far as recruitment of doctors is concerned, our government has recruited in historic numbers despite the pandemic. In the last 3 years 2,053 doctors have been appointed to various vacant positions in Health and Medical Education Departments. Overall, we have recruited 4,000 doctors during the pandemic, including the direct recruitment of 1,750 doctors.

Snake on road causes accident

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Two drivers were injured and several vehicles damaged in a serial accident, when one of the vehicles stopped suddenly to avoid a snake crossing the road near Agalakurki village on the outskirts of Chickballapur on Wednesday.

The driver of a goods vehicle noticed the snake crossing the road and halted. The vehicles following him collided with each other, resulting in damage and injuries.

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HC refuses to interfere with criminal case against actor Chetan

The Hindu Bureau
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He is accused of hurting religious sentiments by his remarks on ‘Boota Kola’

The High Court of Karnataka refused to interfere with the criminal case registered against Kannada actor Chetan A. Kumar for allegedly hurting religious sentiments by his remarks on ‘Boota Kola’ made on social media. Justice M.I. Arum passed the order while dismissing the petition filed by Mr. Chetan, who had questioned legality of registration of a First Information Report under Section 505(2) (statements creating or promoting enmity, hatred or ill-will between classes) of the Indian Penal Code.

It was claimed in the petition that he had not uttered any statement which would create or promote enmity, hatred or ill-will between the persons of the society.

It was contended that the petitioner had merely expressed his opinion that ‘Boota Kola’ was not a part of Hinduism and this remark is a fair comment and is academic in nature and cannot be considered an offence under the IPC.

Mr. Chetan had made the comment following depiction of ‘Boota Kola’ in the film *Kantara*.

As the matter is still under investigation, it is not possible for this court to decide as to whether the allegations made against the petitioner constitutes an offence as contemplated under Section 505(2) of IPC, the court said while refusing to interfere with the investigation.

However, the court said that the petitioner has the liberty to move the appropriate court to seek necessary bail. And if the police decide to file chargesheet against him, then the petitioner always has the liberty to move the High Court as per the law, the court said.

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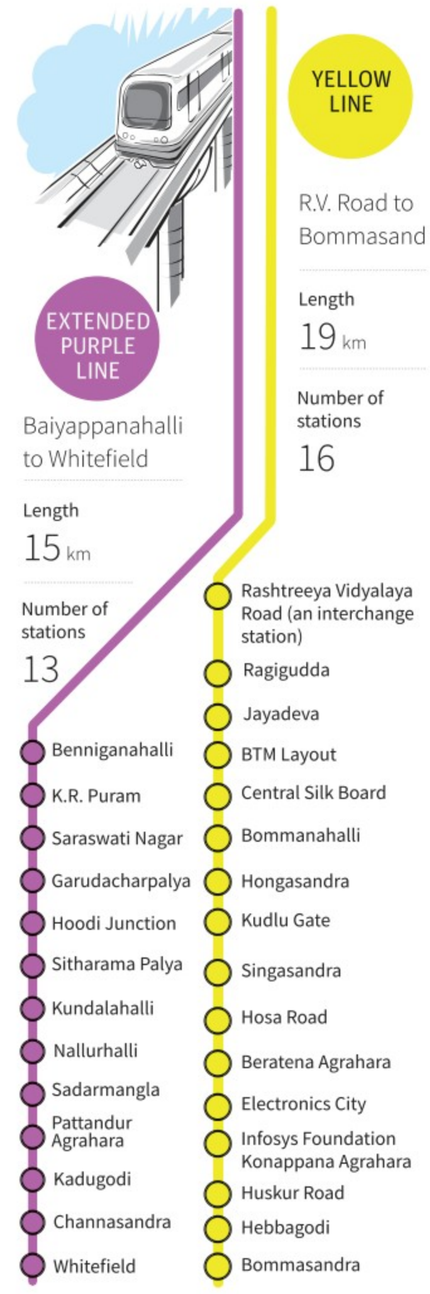

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Residents and employees working in the two tech hubs of Bengaluru – Whitefield and Electronics City – who have been battling traffic woes, may soon be able to heave a sigh of relief. After having missed earlier deadlines, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is all set to start Namma Metro operations in these areas next year.

Under phase II, the network has been extended 15 km from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield with 13 stations. In October, BMRCL started trial run between Whitefield and K.R. Puram.

The BMRCL had earlier announced several deadlines for the two important corridors: the extended Purple Line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield, and a new line from R.V. Road to Bommasandra which connects Electronics City.

Owing to various factors, including those beyond the control of the BMRCL, the deadlines were missed despite construction work having started in 2017-18. However, the recent trial run between Whitefield and K.R. Puram of the extended Purple Line, has provided a ray of hope for commuters.

Extended Purple Line

Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL, told *The Hindu* that the extended Purple Line from Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield will be opened in two phases. In the first phase, K.R. Puram to Whitefield line will be made functional by mid-March of 2023.

K.R. Puram to Baiyappanahalli stretch will be operational at a later stage. Feeder service buses will be operated on this stretch.

"The trial runs and related work on the stretch between K.R. Puram and Whitefield are going on as planned. We will deploy five sets of trains there. By June or July of 2023, the entire Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield line will be operational."

There are 12 metro stations between K.R. Puram and Whitefield, and one station between K.R. Puram and Baiyappanahalli.

Steel girder over railway line

The construction of a 65-metre open-web steel girder over a railway track at Benniganahalli has remained a major hurdle for opening the line between Baiyappanahalli and K.R. Puram. Mr. Parwez said the BMRCL is in talks with the South Western Railway (SWR).

"We have already started preliminary work. The SWR will communicate to us about feasible time as line block is required, and accordingly work will be carried out. Once the entire structure is ready, deck slabs will be laid for tracks," he said.

Commuters hopeful

Citizens are keeping their fingers crossed. Pavan Kumar, who commutes daily between Ulsoor and ITPB, said, "Years ago, when the metro construction started, everyone hoped that commuting issues would finally get addressed, but that never happened. For years, motorists spent hours to reach their workplaces. After the pandemic, when my company asked us to go back to office, I started worrying about traffic snarls in the Tin Factory area and beyond that. Recently, I read in the news that BMRCL has started the trial run. I hope they stick to the deadline and open the line for public use."

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> Managing Director, BMRCL

Metro to Electronics City

The 19 km new metro line under phase II is a crucial corridor. This Yellow Line starts from the operational R.V. Road station and goes via Jayadeva, Central Silk Board and Electronics City, and reaches Bommasandra.

The DPR prepared in 2011 states that the line would benefit people living in areas such as Jayanagar, BTM Layout, and HSR Layout, those working in Electronics City and Bommasandra Industrial Area.

As per the revised deadline, the BMRCL hopes to open the line by mid-2023. However, there are many challenges. Construction of a multi-level interchange metro station at Jayadeva, construction of a metro station at Central Silk Board with loops are some of the major tasks for the BMRCL.

The Jayadeva interchange metro station is a complex project as two metro lines intersect at the point: R.V. Road to Bommasandra, and Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara. The BMRCL had demolished Jayadeva flyover to construct the new station.

Mr. Parwez said, "We plan to open the entire R.V. Road to Bommasandra (18 km) line in one go. If we open in phases, connectivity will be an issue This will benefit commuters and is economically feasible for the BMRCL. The starting point of this new line is R.V. Road; this interchange station is connected from Majestic side and Silk Institute side."

The official said that a flyover between Ragigudda and Central Silk Board will be operational after commissioning of the metro.

Lakhs to benefit

"In the Whitefield corridor, 2.5 lakh to 3 lakh people are likely to take the metro in the initial years, and over 2.5 lakh would travel on the new line connecting Bommasandra. These two corridors will help the metro cross daily ridership over 10 lakh," the official said.

Lt.Col. Ravindra Singh, CEO of Electronics City Industrial Township Authority (ELCITA) said, "Opening of the metro line to Electronics City will be a game changer. It will help decongest traffic at Central Silk Board. We too are looking forward to commercial operations of Namma Metro as ELCITA has various plans of providing various last-mile connectivity for the benefit of people working here. Our basic objective is how to go greener in terms of transportation system. We are working on Metro Neo, shuttle buses, e-scooters and cycles to provide last-mile connectivity. In Electronics City, around two lakh people are working."

Bommasandra to Hosur

The Tamil Nadu government, meanwhile, has sanctioned money for carrying out a feasibility study on extending the metro from Bommasandra to Hosur.

Two more metro lines likely to be functional by 2023 under phase II

Metro work near Jayadeva hospital junction in Bengaluru. BHAGYA PRAKASH K.

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Apart from the Whitefield and Electronics City lines, the Bangalore Metro Rail Corporation Limited (BMRCL) is hopeful of opening two more lines under phase II.

The extended Green Line on Tumakuru Road from Nagasandra to Madavara (BIEC), a stretch of 3 km, will be opened for the public. Another line from Kengeri to Challaghatta on Mysuru Road is also likely to be made operational. On the Mysuru Road to Challaghatta line, the section from Mysuru Road to Kengeri was opened in August 2021.

New contractor

When asked about the progress achieved in the construction of the Pink Line from Kalena Agrahara to Nagawara (21 km), Anjum Parwez, Managing Director, BMRCL said the construction of the elevated line between Kalena Agrahara and Dairy Circle is going at a good pace after entrusting the work to a new contractor. For years, construction work was halted after the previous contractor faced a severe financial crisis, forcing the BMRCL to cancel the contract.

"The BMRCL has deployed nine Tunnel Boring Machines to build a tunnel over 14 km from Dairy Circle to Nagawara, out of which two machines have completed the task," he said. "One machine, which got stuck near Lakkasandra after encountering a garbage pile, will shortly resume work. On Tannery Road, another machine faced issues with loose soil near Tin Factory. Our team has fixed the problem, and the machine has crossed the problematic portion. Other TBMs are working as per the plans," he said.

Prolonged delays

The construction of the tunnel faced prolonged delay earlier due to various factors, including cancellation of the tender process after the bidder made inflated quotes when the tender was floated for the first time. The BMRCL had then thought of changing the alignment, but after finding this unfeasible, a decision was taken to stick to the original plan . Delay in land acquisition such as properties of All Saints Church, defence land and others too delayed the process.

Other major factors for delay in executing phase II project include changes in plans at later stages; for example, construction of a road-cum-metro flyover between Ragigudda and Central Silk of R.V. Road to Bommasandra line was never part of the original DPR. The BMRCL also took a long time to decide on how to build two metro lines (Baiyappanahalli to Whitefield and ORR-Airport lines) near the Tin Factory area.

Another major hurdle was the process involved in clearing trees coming in the way of the project. The pandemic, cost escalation in steel price after the Russia-Ukraine war, heavy rainfall too played major roles in delaying the project.

Airport line by 2025

On construction of the ORR-Airport line, linking the city with KIA, the official said as per the plan, by 2025, this line will be made operational. The total length of this metro line is 55 km and it goes via K.R. Puram, Nagawara, and Hebbal. By 2025, the city is likely to have an operational metro network of 175 km.

(With inputs by Bharath Gowda B.R.)

With love, from Germany

How Goethe Institut's bangaloREsidency programme is forging artistic ties between Germany and India

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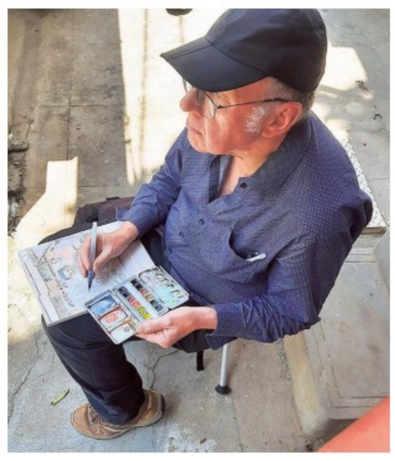
Geographically speaking, the saxophone, a single-reed woodwind instrument invented by Adolphe Sax in 19th Century Belgium, and the parai, a traditional Tamil percussion instrument, are worlds apart. But there is a spectral-yet-superstitious connection between the two.

Adolphe, as a child, had several potentially fatal accidents, including a gunpowder explosion, a fall from the third floor, and mistakenly drinking acidic water. His mother allegedly said, "He's a child condemned to misfortune; he won't live," and his neighbours called him "little Sax, the ghost". But the ghost grew up to invent an instrument used across musical genres.

Despite its rich history dating back to the Sangam era, the parai, over the years, was inauspiciously associated with death as it was played at funerals by Dalits. Practitioners of the parai are now trying to break this casteist connotation.

German saxophonist Julius Gabriel was unaware of this connection between the instruments when he performed with parai artists at the Indian Music Experience museum in Bengaluru last week. For him, it was not death that brought together these instruments that originated on different continents; it was something else, which is as universal as death: art.



Confluence of cultures (Clockwise from left) Saxophonist Julius Gabriel; artist Matthias Beckmann; and sound artist Kathrin Lambert. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Julius is one of the 11 artists from Germany who is in Bengaluru as part of the Goethe Institut's bangaloREsidency programme. For about two months, the artists get a space to pursue their projects and the opportunity to interact with local artists and experts. It has been 10 years since the inception of this residential art programme.

"While working on a few projects before the bangaloREsidency, we noticed artists from Germany having close interactions among themselves and artists in India. That was the impetus for us to start bangaloREsidency," says Maureen Gonsalves, the cultural coordinator of Goethe Institut in Bengaluru.

To enable the artists' project, the Goethe Institut allocates each of them an art or cultural organisation that will host them. The Indian Music Experience, for example, hosts Julius. "Though the artists don't live or work together, there is a synergy among the artists, the hosts, the city, and Goethe Institut," says Maureen, "We find that so interesting. Which is why we have continued a programme we experimented with 10 years ago."

Different culture

One of the main reasons artists sign up for the programme is to make art in an environment distinct from theirs. Bengaluru looks, smells, and feels different from Berlin. "These sensory inputs have a lot of impact on the kind of art that you are creating," says Jayachandran Palazhy, the artistic director of Attakkalari Centre for Movement Arts, which is one of the hosts of the programme.

Kathrin Lambert, a sound artist from Saarbrücken, concurs. Her work deals with the noises of everyday objects like building materials. With her Bengaluru host, the Indian Sonic Research Organisation, she is exploring soundscapes of a different cultural context. "I believe that cultural exchange or getting to know cultures through soundscape is a very different or even intimate approach," she says.

The work of Kathrin's compatriot and draftsman, Matthias Beckmann, is also about exploring the cultural diversity of Bengaluru. "The rapidly growing megacity dominated by excessive traffic, an internationally important IT location, combines urban modernity with tradition," he says. "You can see the coexistence of different ways of life with places of worship of different religions, markets, street vendors, exotic-looking colours, fabrics, ornaments."

Symbiotic relationship

Goethe Institut also realised the need for Indian artists to go to Germany. Since 2017, it has sent about 39 emerging artists from India to Germany as a part of the bangaloREsidency-Expanded programme.

"An important outcome of these residency exchange programmes is that future collaborations emerge. It's more than just visiting, finishing the project, and leaving. Very often, we see artists making long-term associations," says Michael Heinst, the director of Goethe Institut in Bengaluru.

Nikhil Nagaraj, for instance, met fellow sound artist Felix Deufel from Leipzig via the bangaloREsidency programme. He worked with him to learn more about 3D sound. Later, they worked together in Germany when Nikhil went there as a part of the bangaloREsidency-Expanded programme. Their long-term collaboration resulted in an art project, If We Vanish, which explores "the sounds of silence in Nature".

"It goes beyond their work, beyond art. The artists who come here make friends who are into their other interests as well," says Maureen. She reckons the city itself has a role in nurturing these collaborations. "The people here are receptive to experimental ideas and innovations. Bangalore is probably one of the friendliest and most welcoming places in South India."

Colours and canvas

The India Arts Festival will be held in Bengaluru this weekend

Artists galore From paintings to installation, the fest will have it all. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

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Over 30 galleries and 400 artists from across India, Singapore and the USA will feature in The India Art Festival to be held in Bengaluru– the second edition in the city– this weekend.

Founded in 2011 by Rajendra, an art writer and editor of the *Indian Contemporary Art Journal* (IAF), the festival is held annually in Mumbai, New Delhi and Bengaluru. "It provides a platform for the seasoned art collector as well as the new art buyer who wants to acquire their first piece of art. We will have around 4,000 art works on display," says Rajendra.

There will be paintings in acrylics, watercolours, original prints, installations and drawings in myriad styles with landscapes, figurative, abstracts, cityscapes, seascapes, urban and rural scenarios, portraits and more. Besides these, there will also be traditional paintings and Warli art.

Rajendra says he started the India Arts Festival as there is no large infrastructure to promote art and sustain artists in India. "Having an annual festival such as this also gives artists from rural areas a chance to showcase their work."

Being an art writer and critic, Rajendra says his interactions with artists gave him the opportunity to see some of their struggles first hand. "In a festival such as ours, beginners will get to meet architects, established artists and people from the corporate world."

Some of the participating art galleries are Akanksha Art Gallery, Charvi Art Gallery, Green Footprint Art Gallery, H Art Gallery, Karnataka Chitrakala Parishath, Sara Arakkal Gallerie (all from Bengaluru) with ArtDesh Foundation, Artvista, House of Emerge (Mumbai), Gnani Arts (Singapore), Kalabhawan(Agartala) and Subodh Fine Art Studio (California, USA) to name a few.

The master artists who will be a part of the event include Sakti Burman, Yusuf Arakkal, Lalu Prasad Shaw, SG Vasudev, Laxman Aelay, Gurudas Shenoy, Laxma Goud, Jatin Das, Jogen Chowdhury, Manu Parekh, NS Harsha, P Gnana and Seema Kohli.

The festival will be held from December 8 to 11 at Kings Court, Palace Ground, Gate No. 5, between 11am and 8.30pm. Entry is free.

Power of song

Bengaluru-based Light Up A Life concert aims to usher in the spirit of the season with a playlist that is bound to set your feet a-tapping

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Power to all our friends A previous edition of LUAL concert. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

'Tis the season to be jolly, for giving and getting brightly-wrapped presents. Back for the first time after the pandemic, Bengaluru-based Light Up A Life (LUAL) is gearing up to give the gift of education to children who cannot afford it.

"Reach Trust, which has been around for more than 20 years, used to tutor underprivileged students and then enrol them in the National Institute of Open Schooling," says John Tristram, event director for LUAL, an initiative of Reach Trust. "However, post the pandemic, we've changed our module to raising funds to place children directly in schools."

"Our aim is to break the cycle of poverty through education and all proceeds from the concert go towards their schooling," he adds.

To this end, the LUAL team has roped in some of Bengaluru's best-known performers and musicians. Apart from their own choir, Sandra Oberoi's Harmony Chorus and saxophonist Raman Iyer, bands such as One Step Closer, Mud Road and G Minor will also be performing.

Who better to charm audiences other than show-stopper Elvis? Shashaank Abraham, Bengaluru's very own Elvis, will be part of the event as will be Sudhakar Jayaraj, known for his renditions of yesteryear country singer Jim Reeves.

The event will be a mixed bag with a selection of Christmas carols and pop numbers.

The LUAL Christmas Concert will take place at Sanctuary Auditorium, Ramamurthy Nagar from December 9-11. For details, log on to www.lightupalife.in

One for the voiceless

The artiste will kick off the Anoushka Shankar Project in Bengaluru this weekend before moving on to Mumbai and Delhi

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Come December 16 and it will be 10 years since the country had a rude awakening about the safety and security of its women (Nirbhaya incident). On her first tour to India since the pandemic, artiste Anoushka Shankar will be presenting a lot of her new work and in particular, work that pays homage to countless women around the world who are victims of violence. "I'll be performing in several cities including Bangalore with a new band and some new music. One of the new songs I will release while I'm in India is titled, 'In Her Name'. It comes out on December 16, the 10th anniversary of the incident," says Anoushka.

Anoushka says the song is inspired by her original version of the song, 'In Jyoti's Name,' composed shortly after the incident.

"This not only marks 10 years but perhaps to broaden the lens outwards, I've called it 'In Her Name'. It's in everyone's name – a decade later, we're not necessarily in a better place around the world when it comes to violence against women. The song features new words written by poet Nikita Gill."

Talking about the new material she will be performing during the Anoushka Shankar Project - India Tour, the artiste says it is not interlinked with *Between Us,* her most recent album which was released in October this year. "This is a different show that I'll be playing in two parts. While the first part will be about 'In Her Name,' in the second I'll be playing some music from *Between Us* as well as a lot of other music put together, especially for this tour."

She will be accompanied by clarinettist Arun Ghosh, Carnatic percussionist Pirashanna Thevarajah, drummer Sarathy Korwar and upright bassist Tom Farmer. "We will be opening each show with a piece of mine called 'Variations' which I have never played in India before; Bangalore will be its India premiere," says Anoushka.

English electronic artist Gold Panda is a part of Anoushka's India tour, too. "An interesting piece of music which we wrote together will be in the show – we were commissioned to write this piece, referencing my father's work. We have used samples, recordings, ideas and concepts of my father's from over the years and reinterpreted them into a new piece of music. That's not something I've done before and I'm looking forward to sharing it with people."

Between Us is a live album of a special concert Anoushka performed with the Metropole Orkest from the Netherlands and musician Manu Delago.

Anoushka starts her India tour from Bengaluru on December 11. Tickets available on bookmyshow.com

Like father, like daughter Anoushka Shankar on the sitar. S. MAHINSHA

STEPOUT

Classical fare

Bhoomija Trust presents *Aaroha,* a musical that brings together Mysore Manjunath (violin), Srinivasa Prabhu (theatre and film actor) and a 20-member orchestra. It will be staged on December 9, 7.30pm at Ranga Shankara. *Tickets on BookMyShow*

Eco-cultural fest

Bloom in Green, an eco-cultural festival, will be held from December 16 to 18. The three-day event will take place at the farmlands of Sanctity Ferme, featuring workshops, panel discussions, live projects and music performances. *For tickets and more information, visit bloomingreenfestival.com*

INBRIEF

'Shendi vana' land to be regularised

The government has decided to bring in an amendment to the Land Reforms Act, 1966, (section 198), for the regularisation of land on which farmers have been cultivating 'shendi vana' (land of palm trees from which toddy is tapped) for several decades, Revenue Minister R. Ashok said on Thursday. He said the farmers had been growing 'shendi vana' on several hundreds of acres in different parts of the State, particularly in Malnad districts. The government had decided to ensure justice to such farmers by providing ownership rights to them by amending the Act, the Minister said.

Subsidy for Arya Vysyas to purchase food trucks

The Karnataka Arya Vysya Community Development Corporation will provide a subsidy of up to ₹2 lakh per vehicle for starting business with food trucks in different parts of the State. Members of the Arya Vysya community are involved in the food business.

At a press conference in Bengaluru on Thursday, Revenue Minister R. Ashok said the subsidy would be given to purchase 50 trucks/vehicles by youth, both male and female, under the 'Arya Vvsya Ahara Vahini' scheme. Interested candidates aged between 21 and 55 could submit online applications for availing of the subsidy, he said.

First rocket motor produced by industry tested

The first PS OM XL motor, which forms the PSO stage of ISRO's launch vehicle PSLV-XL, produced by Economic Explosives Ltd., Nagpur, has been tested. ISRO on Thursday said the performance was satisfactory. ISRO's Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre had transferred the technology to Economic Explosives Ltd. in 2019. "With today's test, the industry's capability to produce the PSO stage for PSLV is established. This is the first step in the end-to-end production of PSLV through Industry," ISRO said.

Gujarat results: BJP calls it a big morale booster

It won't have impact on State polls, argues Oppn.; says situations in different States not comparable

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU/MYSURU

The landslide victory for the BJP in the Gujarat Assembly elections drew mixed reactions on its impact on the ensuing polls in Karnataka. While the BJP said the results would have a positive impact, the Opposition Congress and Janata Dal (Secular) disagreed with this assessment.

"The results will inspire BJP workers to work harder in Karnataka and is a morale booster. The results will have a positive impact on the BJP in Karnataka in the elections," the Chief Minister told reporters here.

Crediting Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the highest-ever tally for the BJP, Mr. Bommai said, "People have backed his positive leadership. People have liked the efficiency and integrity in administration under Mr. Modi. Across two generations, people have put their faith and backed Mr. Modi." He said that Gujarat elections over the years had shown the country a new trend of "pro-incumbency". Mr. Bommai also said that it was not right to compare Delhi's local body election reversal for the BJP to the Assembly election results.

BJP supporters celebrating outside the party office in Bengaluru after the Gujarat Assembly election results were announced on Thursday.

'Look at Himachal'

Meanwhile, ruling out any impact of the Gujarat result on the 2023 Assembly polls, Leader of the Opposition and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah said in Mysuru that the Congress' victory in Himachal Pradesh was proof enough of Gujarat elections having no impact on the poll outcome in other States.

"The election outcome in any State will not have a bearing on other States as problems and issues are different. In Karnataka, the BJP government is the most corrupt and the Congress is organisationally strong."

The Congress leader alleged that the AAP – funded by the BJP – had eaten into more than 10% of the Congress votes in Gujarat, resulting in fewer seats. Mr. Siddaramaiah said that while the AAP would not make such an impact in Karnataka, the BJP's electoral strategies would involve the JD(S).

In Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Siddaramaiah said there was anti-incumbency and similarly, in Karnataka there was a strong anti-incumbency against the BJP government due to corruption, non-performance, and maladministration.

'Weak Opposition'

In Kalaburagi, JD(S) leader and former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy said the Gujarat election results would not have a bearing on Karnataka politics. "How will they (BJP) seek votes in Karnataka based on the Gujarat election results?" He also said that with a weak Opposition, the result was expected in Gujarat.

MES plans mega rally on first day of winter session in Belagavi; wants to invite Uddhav

The Hindu Bureau
BELAGAVI/BENGALURU

The Maharashtra Ekikaran Samiti (MES) plans to organise a Maha Melava or mega rally to demand the merger of Belagavi and other Marathi-speaking areas to Maharashtra, on December 19, the first day of the winter session of the Karnataka legislature in Belagavi.

The 10-day session will be held at the Suvarna Soudha, on the outskirts of the city. It is a usual practice for the MES to plan the rally on the first day of the session, since the winter session started in Belagavi 16 years ago.

This year, MES leaders said they would invite Uddhav Thackery, former Chief Minister of Maharashtra, to inaugurate the rally. "We are sending a letter to the district administration and the police seeking permission for the event," said Vikas Kalaghatagi, MES spokesperson.

On Thursday, the NWKRTC began the operation of most of its buses to Maharashtra.

CM speaks to Nadda

Meanwhile, Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai has escalated the issue related to Karnataka-Maharashtra boundary row with BJP national president J.P. Nadda and made known the stand of Karnataka.

Grid-connected pumped hydel storage unit gets Cabinet nod

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Yettinahole project cost escalated again; now fixed at ₹23,251 crore

Karnataka, which is the pioneering State in electricity generation, is set to embark on a new experiment. The energy-surplus State wants to use its excess power to pump up the downstream water in a chosen hydel reservoir upstream when there is lesser demand for power. The idea is to store and use this pumped up water for generation of energy later when there is demand.

The State Cabinet on Thursday gave clearance for the proposal that includes developing infrastructure for grid-connected pumped hydro electric storage unit.

Briefing media persons after the Cabinet meeting, Law and Parliamentary Affairs Minister J.C. Madhuswamy said tenders would be floated by Power Company of Karnataka Ltd. (PCKL) for implementing the ₹4,000-crore project through public-private-partnership model.

According to sources in the State energy sector, such a system is in practice in some foreign countries. As the State has a large number of solar and wind energy projects, it is believed that any additional power from them during off-peak hours could be used to lift up the downstream water for keeping it ready for power generation during peak time.

In a bid to improve the financial health of Escoms, which are reeling under financial distress as they are yet to get payment of ₹15,920 crore from various public agencies, the Cabinet ratified the decision taken to provide a grant of ₹8,000 crore, the Minister said. Similarly, the Cabinet also decided to stand guarantee for the KPCL to borrow ₹3,000 crore from financial institutions.

The Cabinet also gave its approval for implementing Amrutha Swabhimani Sheep Scheme, a Centrally sponsored scheme, under which 20,000 families would get financial assistance of ₹1.75 lakh each for buying 20 female sheep and a male sheep.

Cases to be withdrawn

It also decided to withdraw 41 cases registered in various police stations against various persons in connection with public agitations.

The Cabinet decided to give 1 acre and 36 guntas of land in Anekal taluk and 6 acres in Hiremagaluru of Chikkamgaluru district to Rashtrothana Parishat for educational purpose.

The cost of the Yettinahole drinking water project was again escalated by the Cabinet by fixing it at ₹23,251 crore. The initial cost of the project had stood at ₹12,000 crore.

The Minister blamed the delay in implementation of the project for cost escalation.

The Cabinet also approved the youth policy.

Council Chairman election on December 21

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Karnataka government issued a notification on Thursday for holding the election to the post of Chairman of the Legislative Council on December 21, during the winter session of the legislature.

The post was vacant for the past few months as the former Chairman Basavaraj Horatti quit the JD(S) and joined the BJP. He is frontrunner for the post as the ruling party enjoys comfortable majority (39 members) in the 75-member House.

Ashok: Cong. leaders in talks with me

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

As the ruling BJP secured a two-thirds majority in the Gujarat Legislative Assembly elections, Minister for Revenue R. Ashok claimed that many Congress leaders of Karnataka had approached him and evinced interest to join the BJP.

"Many Congress leaders are in talks with me. They are ready to quit the Congress to join the BJP," Mr. Ashok said at a press conference here. However, the Minister did not mention names of such leaders.

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

RESPECTFUL HOMAGE

Shri. N.V. Krishnan
(71 yrs)
DM, HAL, Pune (Retd)
Attained Sivalogaprapthi on 27.11.2022
Deeply mourned by
Wife - Nalini,
Son, Daughters & Family

DEATH

OBITUARY

Mrs. LAKSHMI CHANDRASEKAR
Expired on 07.12.2022 leaving behind
Husband: V. CHANDRASEKHAR
Sons: PRAVEEN CHANDRASEKHAR & PRABHU CHANDRASEKHAR
Daughters in law: SITA LAKKARAJU & USHA PRABHU
Grandchildren: ROHAN, TEJAS, MEGHANA & SHIVANI
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Last date and time for submission of Tender 10.01.2023, 3.00 p.m.
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PUBLIC NOTICE

Public are hereby informed that our client intends to purchase the lands described in the Schedule hereunder (hereinafter collectively referred to as the Schedule Property) from the respective owners specified therein, who have represented to be the absolute owners thereof with uninhibited rights of alienation over the same.

Any person claiming to have any manner of right, title, claim or interest in the Schedule Property is hereby called upon to notify the undersigned with supporting documents thereof within Fourteen (14) days from the date of this notice, after which period, our client shall proceed with the purchase of the constituents parcels of the Schedule Property on the basis that there are no claims of whatsoever nature with regard to the Schedule Property or any part thereof nor any objections for sale thereof by the said persons in favour of our client.

SCHEDULE
(Description of the Schedule Property)

All that piece and parcel of immovable property being lands specified in the table below, aggregately measuring 06 Acres 37.08 Guntas, situated in Chokkahalli Village, Nandi Hobli, Chikkaballapura Taluk, Chikkaballapura District:

No.	Sy.No.	Extent (A=G)	Name of Owner	Boundaries			
				East	West	North	South
1.	14/1	1A-15G	M S Holton Homes	Government Halla	Sri Marappa's Land	Halla	Sri Basani Mathyas Reddy's Land
2.	25/4	1A-37G	Shri. P. Anand, son of Shri. Patalappa	Land bearing Survey No. 11/1;	Land bearing Survey No. 25/2;	Land bearing Survey No. 86/11; and	Land bearing Survey No. 25/3.
3.	27/3	0 - 27G	Shri. A. Gangadhar, son of Shri. Anjinappa	Land bearing Survey No. 28/1	Remaining Portion of A Krishnappa and Anjinappa	Land bearing Survey No. 27/1 and 27/2	Land bearing Survey No. 10
4.	32/10	0 - 16.08G	Shri. K. N. Gopal, son of Late Shri. Narasimhaiah	Land bearing Survey No. 33;	Land bearing Survey No. 31;	Lands bearing Survey Nos. 32/9 and 32/8; and	Land bearing Survey No. 32/11.
5.	32/11	0 - 6G	Shri. K. N. Gopal, son of Late Shri. Narasimhaiah	Land bearing Survey No. 33;	Land bearing Survey No. 31;	Land bearing Survey No. 32/10; and	Land bearing Survey No. 32/12.
6.	70/1	0 - 26G	Shri. V. Gangadhar, son of Shri. N. Vishvamurthachar	Lands bearing Survey Nos. 69/2, 69/6 and 69/7	Land bearing Survey No. 5;	Land bearing Survey No. 70/2; and	Land bearing Survey No. 71/2.
7.	70/2	0 - 30G	Shir. K. M. Renuka Prasad, son of Shri. Muniramaiah	Lands bearing Survey Nos. 69/1 and 34;	Land bearing Survey No. 5;	Lands bearing Survey Nos. 33 and 34; and	Land bearing Survey No. 70/1.

Bengaluru
December 9th, 2022

Sd/- **Vishal Bhat,** Partner Anoma Legal
No.695, 1st Floor, 9th 'A' Main, Indranagar, Bengaluru - 560 038. Phone : +91 80 4375 6317

TAMIL NADU WATER SUPPLY AND DRAINAGE BOARD
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF ENGINEER, TWAD BOARD, MADURAI.

TENDER EXTENSION NOTICE No.1 /Dt.06.12.2022 (E- Submission)

Ref : This Office IFB:No. 13 & 14/F.CWSS to 867 habs./JJM /SDO I/CW/Dt. 28.10.2022

The last date of receipt & opening of tender called for in the reference cited is extended as under :

Name of Work : Jal Jeevan Mission – Providing CWSS to 867 rural habitations in Alanganallur, Chellampatti, Kallikudi, Thirumangalam, Thirupparankundram, Usilampatti and Vadipatti unions of Madurai District and SIPCOT Industries in Nilakottai with river Vaigai as source (Construction Period : 18 months and paid Maintenance: 60 months)

13. Package - I	14. Package - II
Last date for receipt of tenders	Upto 15.00 hours on 14.12.2022
Opening of tenders	at 15.30 hours on 15.12.2022

The other terms and conditions remain unaltered.

DIPR/ 5454 /TENDER/2022 Chief Engineer, TWAD Board, Madurai

SAVE WATER, CONSERVE WATER, EVERY DROP COUNTS

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ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿಯೋಜನೆ ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ

ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08338–273371 E-mail:cdpochikodi@yahoo.in

ಕ್ರಸಂ/ಶಿಅಯೋಚಿ/ಮಮಅಇ/ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್/ಕೋಳಿ–ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ/ಮರುಟೆಂಡರ್/2022–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07/12/2022

: ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೋಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ :

2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನಲ್ಲಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನೆಯಲ್ಲಿರುವ 243 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ದಾರರಿಂದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: DWCD:2022-23:IND:1828/CALL2 ದಿನಾಂಕ 07–12–2022 ರಂತೆ ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ವಿಳಾಸ WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿ ಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:06/01/2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ:5.30 ಗಂಟೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಕಚೇರಿ ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಕಚೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸ ಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ ದೂರವಾಣಿಸಂಖ್ಯೆ: 08338–273371.

ಸಹಿ/–ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಚಿಕ್ಕೋಡಿ

DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1352/MCA/2022-23

KARNATAKA POWER TRANSMISSION CORPORATION LIMITED
(CIN:U40109KA1999SGC025521)
No:SEE/Tr(M)/BMAZ(N)/EE(O)/AE/F-98(4A)/22-23/8760-63 Date: 08.12.2022

Tender Notification (e-Procurement mode only)

KPTCL invites bids against enquiry no.: **KPTCL/SEE/TR(M)/ BMAZ(N)/ EE(O)/ AE/ 21-22/ EPR-22/ CALL-5 Dt:06.01.2022** for **"Design, Manufacture, Testing and Supply of 11kV XLPE UG Cables (stranded compacted aluminium conductor) of the size 1c X 1000 Sq mm. to Tr(M), BMAZ North Circle, KPTCL, Benglauru conforming to Technical Specification F.O.R.D at store/site basis, including insurance, transportation and unloading".**

The detailed notification regarding the subject tenders can be got by logging **on or after 12.12.2022** to **https://kptcl.karnataka.gov.in** with hyperlink **"e-Procurement-KPTCL"** or to **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in** on or after.

Sd/- Superintending Engineer, Elecl.,Tr(M), BMAZ, North Circle, KPTCL, Office Complex, Ground Floor, A.R. Circle, Bengaluru-09, Phone: 080-22386686/85.

ZOO AUTHORITY OF KARNATAKA
Office of The Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forests, Sri Atal Bihari Vajpayee Zoological Park, Kamalapur
HosapeteTq Vijayanagar Dist, Karnataka State.
Email: eddcfabvzp81@gmail.com Tel No: 08394-295289

Tender No: ABVZP/Beef/Tender/CR/117/2022-23
Dated: 06.12.2022

ITEMWISE TENDER NOTIFICATION

On behalf of the Member Secretary, Executive Director and Deputy Conservator of Forest Department of Zoo Authority of Karnataka (ZAK) has published item wise Tender notification for Supply of Fresh, Cleaned Beef at Sri AtalBihari Vajpayee Zoological Park,Kamalapur Conditions & regulations. **Indent No:** ZAK/2022-23/IND440/Call-2. **Estimated Cost (in Rupees):** Rs. 62,05,966.00. **EMD (in Rupees):** Rs. 6,20,597.00.

Tender shall be submitted in e-procurement portal (https://eproc.Karnataka.gov.in (Dept.selection: Zoo Authority) last date for submission of tender is15-12-2022 within 4.30 PM.Opening of Technical bid on 16-12-2022 at4.35PM and Financial bid on 17-12-2022 at 11.30 AM Respectively.

More details can be obtained from the office of the under signed during office hours. Any amendment of modifications in tender notification will be published on e-procurement portal.

SD/- Executive Director & Deputy Conservator of Forest, AtalBihari Vajpayee Zoological Park Kamalapur, HospetTq, Vijayanagar Dist.
DIPR/Vijayanagar/275/MCA/2022-23

TAMIL NADU FIBRENET CORPORATION LIMITED
(TANFINET)
(A Government of Tamil Nadu Undertaking)
Door.No.807, 5th Floor, P.T.Lee Chengalvaraya Naicker Maaligai, Anna Salai, Chennai- 600002. Phone No. 044-28888230
e-mail Id : tanfinet@tn.gov.in

TANFINET Corporation, State Implementing Agency (SIA) for BharatNet Phase-II Project in Tamil Nadu, requires qualified & experienced candidates for the posts as mentioned below on Contract basis.

S. No	Name of the Posts	Remuneration per month (in Rs.) (Consolidated Pay)	No of posts
1.	General Manager (Marketing)	2,00,000/-	1
2.	Manager (Finance & Accounts)	1,00,000/-	1
3.	Manager (HR)	1,00,000/-	1
	TOTAL		3

S.No	Name of the Posts	No of posts
	Associate Consultant	
1.	I. NOC & Servers	1
	II. Network Security	1
	III. BSS and Helpdesk	1
	IV. Operation Support System	1
	TOTAL	4

General Information:

1. For details regarding qualification, experience, general conditions, prescribed application formats etc., please refer detailed notification available in our website www.tanfinet.tn.gov.in.
2. Candidates who conform to the job requirements as given in the notification may apply in the prescribed format by post in strict confidence superscribing the name of the post on the top of the Envelope on or before 5.45 P.M of 30.12.2022 to:

The Managing Director,
Tamil Nadu FibreNet Corporation Limited,
Door.No.807, 5th floor, P.T.Lee Chengalvaraya Naicker Maaligai, Anna Salai, Chennai- 600002

Applicants should enclose self-attested documentary proof for Date of Birth, Community, Educational Qualifications, Class& Percentage of Marks, Experience, and Salary drawn etc., along with the application form. Application form with insufficient documentary proof will be summarily rejected.

Sd/- **Managing Director**
TANFINET Corporation

DIPR/1252/Display/2022

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Two friends waiting to watch *Kantara* assaulted at Sullia

The Hindu Bureau
MANGALURU

In yet another incident of moral policing in Dakshina Kannada district, two youngsters were allegedly assaulted by a group of people when they were waiting on the premises of a cinema to watch *Kantara* in Sullia town on Wednesday.

In his complaint sent by e-mail to the Sullia police, Mohammed Imtiyaz, 20, the victim and a resident of B. Muda village in Bantwal taluk, said the incident occurred when he was waiting on Santhosh Talkies premises with his 18-year-old girlfriend from the same community to watch the movie. He accused Abdul Hameed, Ashraf, Sadique, Jabeer Jattipalla, Siddique Borugudde and others of assaulting him and issuing a life threat.

Quoting from the complaint, the police said Imthiyaz and his friend had reached the theatre around 10.20 a.m. As the show was to begin at 11 a.m., they were talking to each other at the theatre's vehicle parking area. Watching them talking, a group, comprising five to ten people, approached them, which made the two friends move away out of fear.

However, the five accused in the group stopped Imthiyaz and his friend, questioned them as to why they were standing in that place and abused them.

Woman's body found under train seat

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An AC mechanic found the body of an unidentified woman, wrapped in a plastic sheet, stuffed under the seat on a train coming from Bangarpet to Baiyappanahalli station on December 6. Santosh Kumar K. boarded the train at Bangarpet. He saw a plastic sheet under the seat. After the train reached Baiyappanahalli station and all the passengers alighted, he noticed that the sheet was lying unattended. He alerted the railway staff.

When the staff opened it, they found the body of a woman. The body was wrapped in several layers of blankets and covered with a yellow plastic sheet.

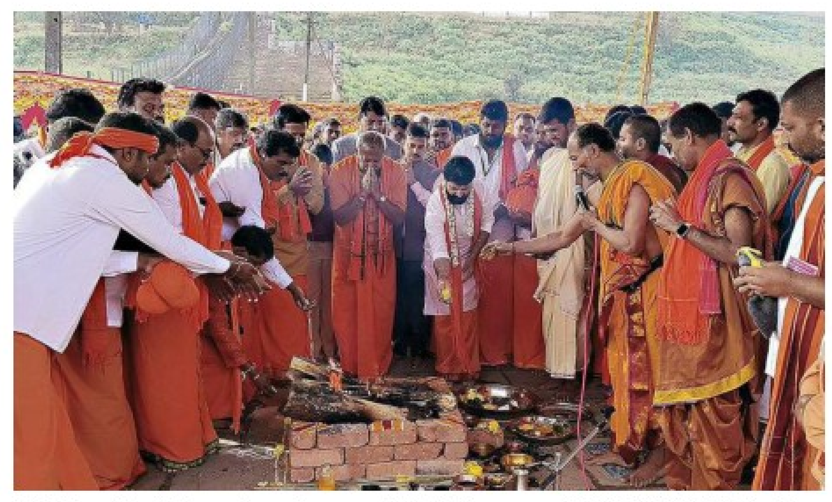
The woman seemed to be aged around 35 years. There were multiple injuries on her neck and other parts of the body.

The railway police have registered a case of murder and initiated an investigation to ascertain the identity of the deceased.

After 2 decades, 'homas', puja conducted on Bababudangiri cave shrine premises

This was the first Datta Jayanti event after the State govt. appointed an eight-member committee, including a Muslim member, for the shrine and named two Hindu priests to carry out rituals

Sathish G.T.
BABABUDANGIRI (CHIKKAMAGALURU)



Minister for Urban Development B.A. Basavaraj, BJP MLA C.T. Ravi, and Chikkamagaluru Deputy Commissioner K.N. Ramesh were among those who participated in the rituals on the shrine premises in Chikkamagaluru on Thursday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Hindu priests conducted 'homas' and other puja rituals on the premises of Sri Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swamy Dargah/Peetha, the disputed site, as part of Datta Jayanti celebrations atop Bababudangiri in Chikkamagaluru taluk, on Thursday for the first time after two decades. Thousands attended the event, amid heavy bundobust.

A group of priests, including the two appointed to the shrine temporarily, conducted 'homas' in the presence of Minister for Urban Development B.A. Basavaraj, BJP MLA C.T. Ravi, Chikkamagaluru Deputy Commissioner K.N. Ramesh, and religious leaders. This was the first Datta Jayanti event after the State government appointed an eight-member management committee, including a Muslim member, for the shrine and appointed two Hindu priests to carry out rituals as per the Hindu Agama system.

Following the demand of Hindutva activists, during the S.M. Krishna-led Congress government's rule, the rituals were held on the premises of the shrine. D.B. Chandre Gowda, then Minister in-charge of Chikkamagaluru district, had taken part in the rituals.

However, since then, Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) activists were allowed to hold the rituals outside the disputed site. The government had prohibited fresh rituals on the shrine premises, citing court order, which had ruled that *status quo* should be maintained.

On Thursday, Mr. Basavaraj told the media that the practice of conducting rituals on the shrine premises would continue and priests would be appointed to the shrine on a permanent basis soon.

Mr. Ravi, who is also the national general secretary of the BJP, said there was "a sense of satisfaction and happiness among the devotees." "As Somanath temple, Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, and Kashi have been developed over the years, we will develop this as well," he said, insisting that it was a singularly Hindu shrine and not a syncretic one.

Ahead of the three-day Datta Jayanti that began on Tuesday, VHP activists, had appealed to the shrine management committee to allow them to hold the rituals on the premises, next to the *Tulasi Katte*. The committee gave its consent. Hemanth Kumar, committee president, told the media that the government also approved the committee's decision.

The appointment of the management committee on November 18 and the appointment of priests subsequently are subject to the final order of the writ petition pending before the Karnataka High Court.

'Dargah and peetha are separate structures'

The Hindu Bureau
CHIKKAMAGALURU

C.T. Ravi, BJP MLA, has appealed to the State government to appoint a committee headed by either a retired judge or a senior officer to study documents pertaining to Datta peetha and dargah at Bababudangiri. "Both Datta peetha and dargah are separate structures, located at different places. We have records to prove it. Let the government constitute a committee," he said.

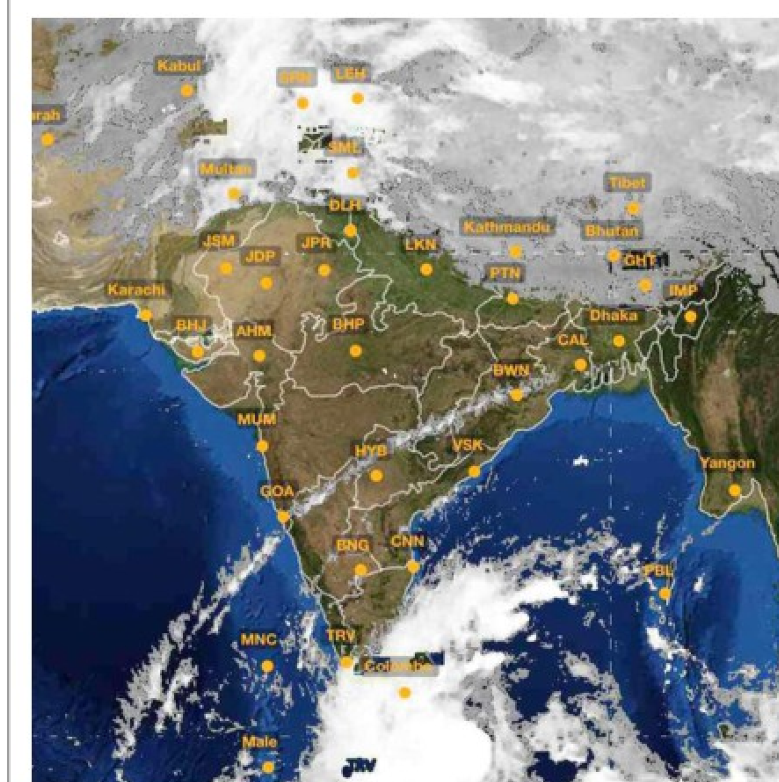
Speaking to presspersons at Sri Guru Dattatreya Bababudan Swamy Dargah/Peetha on Thursday, Mr. Ravi said as per the documents, the dargah is located in survey number 57 of Nagenahalli. Datta Peetha is in Jagra hobli.

"Both are different structures. As much as 1,861 acres have been granted in the name of Dattatreya Devaru, not Bababudan Swamy. Records are available to show this," he said.

Further, he said the struggle to separate the structures would continue.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Friday: Heavy to very heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over north coastal & north interior Tamil Nadu, Puducherry, south coastal Andhra Pradesh, Rayalaseema and heavy rainfall likely at isolated places over south Interior Karnataka and Kerala

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	29.1	13.9	Kozhikode	—	32.6	23.6
Ahmedabad	—	30.0	15.3	Kurnool	—	31.0	18.8
Aizawl	—	—	11.5	Lucknow	—	25.0	11.6
Allahabad	—	26.6	10.2	Madurai	—	30.2	21.8
Bengaluru	—	26.0	17.3	Mangaluru	—	32.3	19.8
Bhopal	—	25.9	8.6	Mumbai	—	32.0	21.0
Bhubaneswar	—	28.2	15.2	Mysuru	—	30.8	18.4
Chandigarh	—	24.9	7.9	New Delhi	—	24.8	8.3
Chennai	—	25.0	23.8	Patna	—	24.8	10.7
Coimbatore	—	30.0	18.4	Port Blair	3	29.8	24.8
Dehradun	—	23.4	8.0	Puducherry	0.1	24.5	20.1
Gangtok	—	16.6	9.4	Pune	—	28.1	16.6
Goa	—	32.8	20.9	Raipur	—	27.7	14.8
Guwahati	—	28.2	14.1	Ranchi	—	22.4	10.4
Hubballi	—	29.0	14.0	Shillong	—	19.6	9.0
Hyderabad	—	28.9	15.6	Shimla	—	15.6	8.1
Imphal	—	25.7	10.4	Srinagar	—	10.7	-2.8
Jaipur	—	27.7	10.5	Thiruvananthapuram	—	30.0	24.2
Kochi	—	30.0	23.8	Tiruchi	—	26.7	21.6
Kohima	—	22.0	8.0	Vijayawada	—	30.2	17.8
Kolkata	—	26.4	16.8	Visakhapatnam	—	29.0	21.9

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.11	.71	.33	51	76	Good
Bengaluru	.14	.18	.36	212	113	Poor
Chennai	.26	.68	.40	297	166	Poor
Delhi	.29	142	.99	307	224	Poor
Hyderabad	.14	.17	128	158	141	Moderate
Kolkata	.30	.26	.49	306	202	Poor
Lucknow	.18	.53	.36	260	197	Poor
Mumbai	.84	146	.25	363	241	Poor
Pune	.29	.49	.31	177	122	Moderate
Visakhapatnam	.35	.44	.50	188	143	Moderate

Yesterday
In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 433 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Aizawl, Mizoram recorded a healthy AQI score of 19

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

KARNATAKA STATE POLLUTION CONTROL BOARD
49, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru - 560 001,
Ph: 080-25581383/ 25589112, Fax: 080-2558 6321
Email: contact@kspcb.gov.in Website: kspcb.karnataka.gov.in

No. PCB/73/BLD/2022-23/ 6023 Date : 06-12-2022

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER
2nd CALL
(Through GOK e-procurement platform www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in)

The Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) invites tenders from eligible tenderers through GOK e-procurement platform **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** by The Member Secretary for the following work:

Name of the work: Tender for Supplying and fixing of Auditorium chairs with writing pad to Tejaswini Auditorium, 3rd Floor, Parisara Bhavana, Church Street, Bengaluru. Approx Value of the work: **Rs.19.73 lakhs.** All payments such as tender cost, EMD etc., shall be made in e-payment mode only.

For more details, please refer e-procurement website: **http://www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/-
MEMBER SECRETARY
KSPCB

DIPR/CP/3453/GREENFMC/2022-23

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ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು (ದಕ್ಷಿಣ)
ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅಧಿಸೂಚನೆ
ನಂ.ಎಚ್‌ಡಿಎಂಸಿ/63/04/2022–23 ದಿ : 08–12–2022

ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ–ಧಾರವಾಡ ಮಹಾನಗರ ಪಾಲಿಕೆಯ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸಾರ್ವಜನಿಕ ಸಂಗ್ರಹಣೆಗಳಲ್ಲಿ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕ ಆದೇಶ 1999–2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಆ್ಯಕ್ಟ್ 2000 ನಿಯಮದಂತೆ ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ ಬಿಡ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ನಿಯಮದನ್ವಯ ಸರ್ಕಾರಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತರಾದ ಅರ್ಹ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ಸನ್ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 1) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 132711 / **15.69** ಲಕ್ಷ / 2ನೇ ಕರೆ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, 2) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 132712 / **15.68** ಲಕ್ಷ / 2ನೇ ಕರೆ / ಪ.ಜಾ(ಎಸ್.ಸಿ),3) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 131736 / **12.00** ಲಕ್ಷ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, 4) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 135943 / **40.00** ಲಕ್ಷ / 3ನೇ ಕರೆ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, 5) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 135525 / **45.00** ಲಕ್ಷ / 3ನೇ ಕರೆ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, 6) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 142447 / **14.65** ಲಕ್ಷ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, 7) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 141897 / **1.90** ಲಕ್ಷ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, 8) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 140322 / **8.73** ಲಕ್ಷ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, ಸನ್ 2022–23ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15 ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ (ಒಳ ಚರಂಡಿ ವ್ಯವಸ್ಥೆ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳು) 9) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 142251 / **15.00** ಲಕ್ಷ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, ಸನ್ 2020–21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮಾನ್ಯ ಶಾಸಕರ ಸ್ಥಳಿಯ ಪ್ರದೇಶಾಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 10) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 143414 / **9.80** ಲಕ್ಷ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ, ಸನ್ 2021–22ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 11) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 139868 / **22.00** ಲಕ್ಷ / 2ನೆ ಕರೆ / ಪ.ಜಾ(ಎಸ್.ಸಿ) ಸನ್ 2020–21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಪಾಲಿಕೆ ಅನುದಾನದಡಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 12) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 141107 / **12.56** ಲಕ್ಷ / 2ನೇ ಕರೆ / ಸಾಮಾನ್ಯ 13) ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ನಂ. 139868 / **75.00** ಲಕ್ಷ / ಪ.ಜಾ(ಎಸ್.ಸಿ), ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್ ನಲ್ಲಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಅನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಸಂಬಂಧಿಸಿದ ಹೆಸರು ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ, ಕಾಮಗಾರಿ ನಿರ್ವಹಣಾ ಅವಧಿ ಹಾಗೂ ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರು http:/ www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ರಲ್ಲಿ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದು. ಸದರ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ದಾಖಲೆಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪ್ರೋಕ್ಯೂರಮೆಂಟ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **09–12–2022** ರಿಂದ ಪಡೆಯಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ಒಂದು ವೇಳೆ ಸದರಿ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಯಾವುದೇ ಬದಲಾವಣೆ ಇದ್ದಲ್ಲಿ ಸದರಿ ಬದಲಾವಣೆಯ ವಿವರಗಳನ್ನು ಇ–ಪೋರ್ಟಲ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಮಾತ್ರ ಪ್ರಕಟಿಸಲಾಗುವುದು.

ಕ್ರ.ಸಂ 1) ರಿಂದ 12) ರ ವರೆಗಿನ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗಳಿಗೆ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಸಲ್ಲಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23/12/2022** ಸಂಜೆ : 4.00 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ ಹಾಗೂ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **26/12/2022** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 11.00 ಘಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಕ್ರ..ಸಂ 13 ರ ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಗೆ 1) ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **23/12/2022** ಸಂಜೆ : 4.00 ಘಂಟೆ ವರೆಗೆ 2) ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **26/12/2022** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 11.00 ಘಂಟೆ ನಂತರ 3) ಆರ್ಥಿಕ ಬಿಡ್ ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ : **27/12/2022** ಬೆಳಿಗ್ಗೆ : 11.00 ಘಂಟೆ ನಂತರ

ಸಹಿ/– ಕಾರ್ಯನಿರ್ವಾಹಕ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರು(ದಕ್ಷಿಣ)
ವಾಸಾಸಂಇ/ಧಾರವಾಡ/ಎಂ.ಸಿ.ಎ/833/2022–23 ಹು.ಧಾ.ಮ.ಪಾಲಿಕೆ, ಹುಬ್ಬಳ್ಳಿ.

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NOTICE

Karnataka State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd., Head Office, Bengaluru is going to **Appoint skilled and experienced Consultants to prepare Plan, Estimate & Structure Design for the Construction of Commercial Buildings at Tumkur, Mysore, Kolar, Davanagere, Belgaum, Bidar and other places.**

Interested are requested to submit their proposals along with relevant documents **on or before 4.00 p.m. on 21-12-2022** at the following address:

The Managing Director, Karnataka State Co-operative Agriculture and Rural Development Bank Ltd., Tippu Sulthan Palace Road, Chamarajapete, Bengaluru - 560 018.

For further details General Administrative Section may be contacted during office hours.

Sd/-
Managing Director

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ನಂ.ನಸಹಿ/ತಾಂ.ಶಾ/(14)/15ನೇ.ಹ.ಕಾ/ಕು.ನೀ/ವಿ/ಟೆಂಡರ್/ಸಿಆರ್–18/2022–23
ದಿನಾಂಕ: 06.12.2022

ಇ–ಪ್ರಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ
(ಸ್ಟ್ಯಾಂಡರ್ಡ್ ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಡಾಕ್ಯೂಮೆಂಟ್ ಕೆ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂ–3ರ ನಿಬಂಧನೆಗಳಿಗೊಳಪಟ್ಟು ಟೆಂಡರ್ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ)

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ರಾಜ್ಯದ ರಾಜ್ಯಪಾಲರ ಪರವಾಗಿ ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಪಾರದರ್ಶಕತೆ ಅಧಿನಿಯಮ 2000ರ ಪ್ರಕಾರ ಹಿರಿಯೂರು ನಗರಸಭೆ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯಲ್ಲಿ 2020–21ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ 15ನೇ ಹಣಕಾಸು ಕುಡಿಯುವ ನೀರು ಅನುದಾನದಲ್ಲಿ ಇಂಡೆಂಟ್ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:DMA/2022-23/WS/WORK_INDENT143259, ಅಂದಾಜು ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.94.00 ಲಕ್ಷಗಳು, ಇ.ಎಂ.ಡಿ ಮೊತ್ತ ರೂ.188000.00 ಕಾಮಗಾರಿಯನ್ನು ಕೈಗೊಳ್ಳಲು ಲೋಕೋಪಯೋಗಿ ಇಲಾಖೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ನೊಂದಾಯಿತ ಅರ್ಹ ಸಿವಿಲ್ (ಪಿ.ಡಬ್ಲ್ಯೂಡಿ ಕ್ಲಾಸ್ 3 ಹಾಗೂ ಮೇಲ್ಪಟ್ಟ ದರ್ಜೆ) ಗುತ್ತಿಗೆದಾರರಿಂದ ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಇ–ಪ್ರೊಕ್ಯೂರ್‌ಮೆಂಟ್ ಇಲಾಖಾ ವೆಬ್‌ಸೈಟ್ http://eproc.karnataka.gov.in ಮೂಲಕ ಆನ್‌ಲೈನ್‌ನಲ್ಲಿ ಅರ್ಜಿ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸುವ ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:16/12/2022 ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5:30ರ ವರೆಗೆ, ಬಿಡ್‌ಗಳನ್ನು ತೆರೆಯುವ ದಿನಾಂಕ:17/12/2022ರ ಸಂಜೆ 5:35ರ ನಂತರ, ಟೆಂಡರ್‌ನ್ನು ಅಂಗೀಕರಿಸುವ ಮತ್ತು ರದ್ದು ಪಡಿಸುವ ಅಧಿಕಾರವನ್ನು ನಗರಸಭೆ ಹಿರಿಯೂರು ಹೊಂದಿರುತ್ತದೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ವಿವರಗಳಿಗಾಗಿ ನಗರಸಭೆಯ ತಾಂತ್ರಿಕ ವಿಭಾಗದಲ್ಲಿ ಅಭಿಯಂತರರನ್ನು ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದು.

ಸಹಿ/– ಪೌರಾಯುಕ್ತರು.
DIPR/CTA/MCA/754/2022-23 ನಗರಸಭೆ, ಹಿರಿಯೂರು.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ
ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅಥಣಿ
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08289–295150 E-mail:cdpo_athani@yahoo.com
ಕ್ರಸಂ:ಶಿಅಯೋಅ:ಮಮಅಇ::ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್:ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಟೆಂಡರ:22–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07–12–2022

ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಅಥಣಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಶಿಶು ಅಬಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 304 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರಿಂದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:DWCD/2022-23/IND1827/CALL-2 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07–12–2022 ರಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ವಿಳಾಸ:WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.inನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:06–01–2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ:05–30 ಗಂಟೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಬಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳ ಕಛೇರಿ ಅಥಣಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08289–295150

ಸಹಿ/–ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1348/MCA/2022-23 ಅಥಣಿ.

ಕರ್ನಾಟಕ ಸರ್ಕಾರ
ಮಹಿಳಾ ಮತ್ತು ಮಕ್ಕಳ ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಇಲಾಖೆ ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅರಭಾವಿ (ಕಚೇರಿ ಮೂಡಲಗಿ)
ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08334–200367 E-mail:arabhavicdpo@gmail.com
ಕ್ರಸಂ:ಶಿಅಯೋಅ:ಮಮಅಇ:ಐಸಿಡಿಎಸ್:ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಟೆಂಡರ:22–23 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07–12–2022

ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳಿಗೆ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮರು ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಪ್ರಕಟಣೆ

2022–23 ನೇ ಸಾಲಿನ ಮೂಡಲಗಿ ತಾಲೂಕಿನ ಅರಭಾವಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಬಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾ ವ್ಯಾಪ್ತಿಯ 411 ಅಂಗನವಾಡಿ ಕೇಂದ್ರಗಳ ಫಲಾನುಭವಿಗಳ ಉಪಯೋಗಕ್ಕಾಗಿ ಕೋಳಿ ಮೊಟ್ಟೆ ಸರಬರಾಜು ಮಾಡಲು ಅರ್ಹ ಟೆಂಡರುದಾರರಿಂದ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:DWCD/2022-23/IND 1815/CALL-2 ದಿನಾಂಕ:07–12–2022 ರಂತೆ ಕೆ.ಟಿ.ಟಿ.ಪಿ.ಕಾಯ್ದೆಯನ್ವಯ ಇ–ಟೆಂಡರ ಮುಖಾಂತರ ವಿಳಾಸ:WWW.eproc.karnataka.gov.in ನಲ್ಲಿ ಆಹ್ವಾನಿಸಲಾಗಿದೆ. ಟೆಂಡರ ಸಲ್ಲಿಸಲು ಕೊನೆಯ ದಿನಾಂಕ:06–01–2023 ರ ಸಂಜೆ:05–30 ಗಂಟೆ. ಹೆಚ್ಚಿನ ಮಾಹಿತಿಗಾಗಿ ಶಿಶು ಅಬಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು ಅರಭಾವಿ ಕಛೇರಿ ಮೂಡಲಗಿ ಇವರನ್ನು ಕಛೇರಿ ವೇಳೆಯಲ್ಲಿ ಸಂಪರ್ಕಿಸಬಹುದಾಗಿದೆ. ದೂರವಾಣಿ ಸಂಖ್ಯೆ:08334–200367.

ಸಹಿ/–ಶಿಶು ಅಭಿವೃದ್ಧಿ ಯೋಜನಾಧಿಕಾರಿಗಳು
DIPR/BGM/RO-NO-1345/MCA/2022-23 ಅರಭಾವಿ.

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Ref:1) No: EE /KNNL/UTP/DN/TND/Borewell HKR 21-22 / PB-1/2022-23/1801 Date:05-12-2022 **2)** No: EE /KNNL/UTP/DN/TND/Borewell HKR 21-22 /PB-1/2022-23/1802 Date:-05-12-2022 **3)** No: EE /KNNL/UTP/DN/TND/SCP CC road HKR/PB-1/2022-23/1800 Date:- 05-12-2022 **4)** No: EE /KNNL/UTP/DN/TND/HKR CC road above 50 lakhs / PB-1/2022-23/1799 Date:- 05-12-2022

SHORT TERM TENDER NOTIFICATION
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Winning formula

BJP's strategy works across regions, but Congress needs State-specific tactics

The Bharatiya Janata Party's victory in Gujarat eclipses its loss in Himachal Pradesh: not only is Gujarat a bigger State, but the scale of the party's sweep in the western State also overshadows its narrow loss in the hill State. For the Congress, its victory in Himachal Pradesh is meagre consolation against the backdrop of its decimation in Gujarat where it had to be content with 17 of the 182 Assembly seats, as compared to 77 in 2017. With another five-year term now, the BJP will rule Gujarat for 32 years, almost matching the Left Front's 34-year rule in West Bengal that ended in 2011. The BJP increased its vote share, from 49% in 2017 to 53% now. AAP finished a distant third in Gujarat, but its furious foray into the State gained it a 13% voteshare, and also national party status. AAP's entry triangulated the Gujarat contest, which worked to the BJP's advantage. The BJP made inroads into tribal regions and rural constituencies which constituted patches of the Congress's strength, after AAP's generous promise of welfare schemes succeeded in seeding a new kind of class politics in the State. It was Prime Minister Narendra Modi leading the campaign all the way for the BJP, and his popularity, which was unlinked to the performance of the State government, helped power the BJP to a historic victory.

The Himachal Pradesh outcome is instructive of the latent anti-incumbency that the BJP faces, and the Opposition's occasional capacity to harness it. The Congress ran a sedate campaign in both States. In Gujarat it did not work at all for the party, but in Himachal Pradesh, it did because of the anti-incumbency factor. In Gujarat, the combined vote share of Congress and AAP hovers around 40% – less than the Congress's alone in 2017. In Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Modi's extensive campaigning was not enough. In Gujarat, the BJP had pulled out all the stops after it faced setbacks in 2017, while the Congress has lost steam since then. With renewed vigour, AAP will now try expanding to new territories, potentially muddying the waters for the Opposition, and aligning with the BJP's Hindutva ideology. The outcomes of Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh demonstrate that the BJP's status as the hegemon remains unchallenged in Indian politics, Mr. Modi is more popular than his party, and the Opposition is unable to create the politics or programmes that can challenge the BJP. While the BJP has a universal formula that is largely successful across regions, the opposition to it can sustain only with State-specific strategies.

Back to the past

Germany will have to tackle the far-right elements politically

A sitting judge, a former elite paratroops commander and a former police officer. They were among the 25 people arrested by the German authorities on Wednesday in a nationwide crackdown on what they called an extremist group that was planning to overthrow the state. While Germany has seen the rise of several far-right networks, their growing influence over serving and retired members of its security agencies and other state branches should be a matter of concern, given its Nazi past. Among those arrested were members of the Reichsbürger, or Citizens of the Reich, a far-right extremist group that has not recognised the post-War German state, as well as those inspired by conspiracy theories spread by QAnon, a U.S.-based far-right community. The authorities say the plan was to attack the Bundestag, bring down the government through a coup and have a new Reich modelled around the pre-First World War imperial state. Heinrich XIII, Prince Reuss, the 71-year-old former paratroops commander who is believed to be the ringleader, was known for his anti-Semitic dog whistles and attacks on the modern German republic, which he once called an illusion. So, irrespective of the actual strength and capabilities of the group, what Germany has seen is the coming together of anti-Semitic extremists from across society, driven by conspiracy theories and an imperial nostalgia, and who are ready to take up arms to overthrow the democratic German state.

This is not an isolated incident. Germany has also seen a rise in violent incidents by far-right extremists. In 2019, a centre-left local politician in western Germany was killed and a synagogue in Halle, eastern Germany, was attacked by a gunman, killing two. Last year, the government had to partially disband its elite special-forces unit, Kommando Spezialkräfte, after extremism within its ranks. Germany faces two types of far-right challenges – that posed by extremist groups such as Reichsbürger and the other by the mainstreaming of far-right politics – the Alternative for Germany (AfD), the far-right party that failed to cross the 5% threshold in the 2013 elections, but which won 83 seats in the Bundestag last year. While the AfD dissociates itself from violent organisations, there is an ideological overlapping between them – Birgit M.-W, the judge arrested on Wednesday, was an AfD lawmaker. Germany, which still keeps the memories of its horrific Nazi past alive and has strong laws to tackle extremist threats, should ask itself why, despite its precautions, far-right groups are gaining traction. It should make sure that state institutions are not infiltrated by extremists and continue to crack down on networks such as Reichsbürger. But the bigger challenge for Germany's leaders is to tackle the far-right ideology politically.

The big win in Gujarat is Modi's, and the BJP's biggest

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Coming simultaneously with the defeats in Himachal Pradesh and Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) elections, the historic verdict in the Gujarat Assembly elections 2022 in favour of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) – in that order – has two key takeaways.

One, the Gujarat vote exclusively belongs to Mr. Modi who has championed his version of nationalism among the people of his home-State; it is this image that has helped the BJP win a mind-boggling 156 out of 182 seats in the State Assembly. It was this that dwarfed a range of serious policy and governance issues, national or State-level, as well as high price-rise, unemployment, the COVID-19 chaos, the Morbi disaster, farmers' blues that even has the Rashtriya Swayamsewak Sangh-arm Bharatiya Kisan Sangh (BKS) up in arms, and the tardy implementation of key legislations affecting the livelihood of tribals.

Two, it has come as yet another reminder of the inability and other preoccupations of the Congress party, especially its central leadership, to set a focused agenda on issues and an increasing loss of direction. And this has been in spite of the Bharat Jodo Yatra.

The low voter turnout of around 65% as against about 71% in the 2017 elections in Gujarat could be because there was precious little to show in terms of performance by the BJP's State Government between 2017 and 2021 when the Vijay Rupani government was sacked lest it cost the party the polls in 2022.

Agitations galore

The regime led by the next incumbent Bhupendra Patel, a first-time MLA, was just over a year-old and his job was to hold the fort. Though he did so, simmering anger among lakhs of government employees saw the Patel dispensation facing 32 agitations that were significantly about regularisation of almost permanently temporary and contract staff as also the revision of pay grades. It was unusual that families of policemen (constables and para-police jawans) hit the streets to raise their demand for pay grade revision.

Huge protests broke out in the tribal region of South Gujarat after the Union Budget for 2022-23 announced the implementation of the Maharashtra-Gujarat Par-Tapi-Narmada Riverlinking Project.

> The Gujarat vote has two messages — it belongs exclusively to the Prime Minister and is a reminder of the inability and other preoccupations of the Congress party to have a focused agenda on issues

Led by the Congress's young aggressive legislator Anant Patel, the anger among the Adivasis forced the government to scrap the project. He is the only one among the Congress's candidates in the South Gujarat's tribal belt who has won. It was unprecedented that an agitation led by the Congress party – which in itself was unusual and remained one-off in Gujarat – would force the Modi government to withdraw an ambitious scheme.

The ham-handed approach to a proposed legislation against the cattle menace, which was passed with a majority on the last day of the State Assembly (after a debate that lasted until midnight) was rolled back. This was in the face of huge protests by *maldharis* (cattle rearers), who threatened to queer the pitch for the party in the elections.

A connection with policies

All the three – the unrest among government staff, protests by the tribals and the *maldharis* – had a connection with the policies pursued by the BJP government. The long-drawn phase of outsourcing government work to temporary staff for a pittance (against the regular staff) is a policy aggressively implemented by the BJP. The same has been extended to government education and the health system, which is increasingly losing priority in favour of the private sector. In the case of tribals and *maldharis*, it is the policy of lopsided industrial growth defined as development which has squeezed their lands in favour of industry or real estate. For instance, nearly 70% of *gauchar* (land for grazing cattle) land has vanished, according to official data.

Despite these and several other issues, the Congress scored its lowest – 17 seats. Besides the BJP's hegemony, the Congress now seems to have widened the scope of its tendency to allow itself to be trampled on by the likes of the newcomer Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) and the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen. A senior leader and Congress candidate from an Assembly constituency in Gujarat's Saurashtra region said, "We (several others also) have conveyed to the party not to send central leaders for campaigning in our areas."

"They don't know the local realities and instead of putting the house in order sometimes use such words that the BJP exploits to the fullest. We were so careful this time to avoid any adjective or expletive that may be turned against us to the extent of costing our seat." This assertion came from other candidates, including two sitting MLAs, in private conversations. Another reason they cited was a resource crunch with/in the party.

Missed opportunity

On the other hand, several Congress leaders and senior party workers in Gujarat still wish to know why Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra that continues to receive a good response, skipped Gujarat altogether. This was even more so, because the 2017 Gujarat election campaign by Mr. Gandhi was among his best political achievements ever.

The 2017 election was a watershed moment but the Congress just could not see the opportunity there.

It was unprecedented that a leader from the Gandhi family would spend three days each in four regions of Gujarat and address each region according to the issues they faced. Mr. Gandhi had then interacted freely with the crowds – something that has been seen during the Bharat Jodo Yatra – but also had meals and tea at non-descript highway *dhabas* or small restaurants in towns.

He spoke of Mr. Modi's economic policies, privatisation in the education and health sectors, unemployment, crony capitalism and its impact on the small-scale and Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises sectors. It was unthinkable in Gujarat that a Patidar (Hardik Patel), an Other Backward Class person (Alpesh Thakor) and a Dalit (Jignesh Mevani) would come together on the same platform to speak of common issues that spawned from increasingly privatising expensive education, unemployment (despite huge industrial investment), and increasingly unviable agricultural operations.

But the gains for the Opposition in 2017 remained illusionary, with the fraying of that "coalition". The BJP managed to overcome the challenge and carry the day, thanks in large measure to the Prime Minister's ability to set the discourse in his political bastion.

A nod to 'Himachaliyat', a stable bi-party system

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The Congress's win in Himachal Pradesh can be attributed to a series of factors which includes its promise of an old pension scheme for 1,50,000 government employees, anti-incumbency linked to the poor performance of the Jai Ram Thakur government, and also intra-party factionalism within the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). The result becomes more mortifying for the BJP as its national president, J.P. Nadda, is from the State.

The elections were fought on the fascinating narrative of "*Riwaj Badlega* versus *Raaj Badlega* (change of tradition versus change of government"). Speculation by a number of political analysts and the media, of a BJP win with an absolute majority, has been proven wrong. Of the 68 Assembly seats, the Congress won 40, forming an absolute majority. What has been established is that the State has a stable bi-party system. And despite its propaganda and large-scale canvassing, the Aam Aadmi Party did not emerge as the influential third force.

The winning factor

The State, till 2017, was governed on largely centrist lines but with a slight shift towards regionalism. After 2017 and Prem Kumar Dhumal's shocking defeat, things changed and Himachal Pradesh got a Chief Minister, Jai Ram Thakur, who had been handpicked by the Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh to take forward a Hindutva narrative that has not been really touched upon by earlier BJP governments. Mr. Dhumal, for instance, did not have an RSS background, but took a regional approach. Shanta Kumar, another BJP Chief Minister with an RSS touch, believed that Hindutva would not work in the State.

"Himachaliyat" encapsulates the idea that the region and its people will decide their future without outside interference. It also exemplifies a diverse, harmonious culture, evident in the local festivals, language dialects, cuisine and clothing.

> For the common man in Himachal Pradesh, being rooted as a 'Himachali' as a way to resolving a number of local issues was prime, in turn shaping the Congress's win

It is clear, as Vishal Sharma, the researcher and analyst coordinator of HPCC, emphasised, that the idea of Himachaliyat has scored over Hindutva in the State, with the Congress winning the war of the narrative

For the BJP, while anti-incumbency, crime and corruption and a strong national leadership and organisation were the guiding factors that led to its victory in 2017, it was a different story this time. For the people, it was a choice between the narrative of Hindutva and the counter-narrative of the Opposition, which they found in the promise of an old pension scheme for government employees, unemployment, price rise, and Himachali sub-nationalism. Being rooted as a "Himachali" as a way to resolving local issues appears to have struck a chord rather than being divided into castes and communities (Brahmins, Thakurs, Punjabi refugees, Khatris, Soods, Mahajans, Gaddis, Gujjars, Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes) and religious identities.

The BJP's narrative was about a Uniform Civil Code, Ram Mandir, Article 370 and ST status for the Hatti community to oblige the upper castes of Sirmour district.

'Agnipath', unemployment and graft

In Himachal Pradesh, a comparatively larger portion of its population is in government service and the public sector (about 4.15 lakh employees and pensioners, or about 10% of the population), thus playing a significant role in any election. Another major issue was the recently launched 'Agnipath recruitment scheme' in the defence services. The State is estimated to have around 2.8 lakh people in the defence services or who are ex-servicemen. Of them, 80% are from the Kangra, Una and Hamirpur districts. There are also eight lakh people who are unemployed and registered in employment exchanges across the State.

Corruption also had an impact where in the past five years, there has been the university recruitment scam, the police recruitment scam and the sanitisers scam (during the COVID-19 pandemic). A Shimla-based civil society organisation, the "Forum Against Corruption", has been in the forefront in highlighting discrepancies in university professors' recruitment, where merit and excellence were ignored. It was because of the police recruitment scam that the BJP faced youth resentment as well.

There was also the handling of the apple growers' protest by the BJP. The fruit growers of Himachal Pradesh constitute a powerful pressure group in the apple growing regions of Shimla, Kullu, Kinnaur and Madi districts. In August, under the "Sanyukt Kisan Manch", fruit growers and farmers convened in Shimla to push for a resolution of their long-pending demands which include an increase in the minimum support price (based on the quality of the fruit and the formula in Kashmir), restoration of subsidies on fungicides, insecticides, and other chemical fertilizers, reduction in Goods and Services Tax on packaging material, and a ban on imported apples.

The apple growing regions cover nearly 17 Assembly segments, in Kinnaur, Kullu and Mandi, with Shimla being a major apple-growing region. They play and have played a significant role in shaping the State's political contours, especially in old Himachal. Apple sales – the apple economy is valued at ₹6,000-crore – contribute to 13.5% of the State's GDP. Farmers are exploited by commission agents in mandis, even as the Agricultural Produce Market Committees (APMCs) remain a mute spectator.

Himachal Pradesh will retain its tag as a '*Riwaj*' of change provided there is no split in the Congress. The win has opened the contest for chief ministership in the Congress, which is going to be a difficult task for the central Congress committee and the Pradesh Congress Committee to resolve.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

A mix of sweet and sour

The just-declared results of the elections to the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assemblies, the Delhi Municipal Council and by-elections to a few State Assemblies and one Lok Sabha seat admittedly are a mixture of the sweet and the sour for political parties and their cadres. Though not to the scale of an outcome of the national general election, these results are important to politically conscious and non-partisan citizens. Many sections find the absence of an effective Opposition in Gujarat a great malady in a democracy. The issue is particularly relevant since the ruling parties in general act as if they have a mandate to do anything and everything. The 'purchasing' of legislators and resort politics to counter the same' have become the order of the times, pointing to drawbacks in the system. An Opposition that is strong enough to turn the tables in the elections, offers a dampening force on misrule by the government.

I, for one, am for the interchange of the ruling and Opposition parties every five years. On this count, the voters of Himachal Pradesh deserve praise. Delhi's voters have sent out a clear message too.

P.R.V. Raja,
Pandalam, Kerala

The defeat of the BJP in Himachal Pradesh underlines its vulnerability, even as it registered a spectacular victory in Gujarat. Although the Congress has been able to make a mark in Himachal Pradesh, its miserable loss in the Delhi MCD elections and very poor showing in Gujarat show that there is still a long way to ensure its much needed revival. It also faces the daunting task of ensuring that its cadres are not poached by the BJP. AAP's euphoria needs a reality check. It needs to plan its political expansion plans in a better way. Overall, the results show that no party can claim dominance.

N. Sadhasiva Reddy,
Bengaluru

Each party has both happiness and worry. While the BJP's clean sweep in Gujarat does not spring any surprise, as it is like the axiom 'the sun rises in the east', its defeat in Delhi and in Himachal Pradesh should cause it worry. The Congress has to worry about its debacles in Gujarat and Delhi. And AAP has to worry about its standing in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh.

A. Jainulabdeen,
Chennai

The humongous victory of the BJP in Gujarat ensures the continued dream run of the party that is at its political peak. Price rise, unemployment, corruption and the Morbi disaster mismanagement appear to have had little effect. The decimation of the Indian National Congress in Gujarat shows that the Grand Old Party seems to be out of sync with reality. The Aam Aadmi Party which led a high profile campaign in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh seeking to provide a third alternative, flattered to deceive and came a cropper. The message is clear: it is about the common man's bread and butter issues. Like in every other election, the voter has shown that he cannot be taken for granted.

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Coimbatore

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The BJP breaks a record in Gujarat...

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) juggernaut rolled on in Gujarat across regions, decimating the Congress and not allowing the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) to dent its vote share. The BJP's record-breaking win of 156 seats is the highest ever in the State's history, and helped it secure a seventh consecutive term. In over 50 seats, the BJP recorded a resounding victory with the winning margin exceeding 30 percentage points. Surprisingly, the AAP's best performance came in rural seats instead of urban ones. The AAP ate into the vote share of the Congress more than that of the BJP's, though in seat terms, it gained two each from both parties. Turncoats were the BJP's weakest link as their strike rate was relatively poor. The BJP's performance was relatively poor in seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes, where the AAP performed best. With the AAP fielding candidates in almost every seat, the State's bipolar system slightly shifted towards triangular contests. Notably, even if the AAP and Congress has formed a pre-poll alliance, they could not have crossed the half-way mark.

By Jasmin Nihalani, Vignesh Radhakrishnan, Rebecca Rose Varghese, Sonikka Loganathan and **Pratap Vardhan**

Wins and vote share

The BJP won in 157 constituencies in 2022, 58 seats more than the 2017 polls. This is the most number of seats won by the BJP in its history. It also beat the Congress' record of 149 seats secured in 1985. The AAP managed to secure 12.9% of the votes and won/led in 5 seats

	Seats won/led		Vote share %	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	156	+57	52.5%	+3.4%
INC+	17	-61	27.5%	-14.5%
AAP	5	+5	12.9%	+12.8%
Oth.	4	-1	7.1%	-1.7%

Victory margin

Unlike the 2017 elections, the 2022 polls were not a close affair. Over 50 seats were won by the BJP with a margin of over 30% points, much higher than 18 such seats in 2017. Overall, only 43 seats were decided by a margin of <10% points, compared to 87 such seats in 2017

	<10%		10-20%		20-30%		>30%	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	25	-13	52	+30	28	+7	51	+33
INC+	14	-35	3	-19	0	-7	0	0
AAP	4	+4	0	0	1	+1	0	0

Region wise vote %

The BJP not only managed to hold on to its vote share across all regions but also increased it. AAP's best performance came in Saurashtra-Kutch and the South Gujarat regions. Congress lost the most votes in Saurashtra-Kutch, where its best peformance came in 2017

	BJP		INC+		AAP	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
Saurashtra	49.2%	+3.3%	26.6%	-19.9%	17.8%	+17.7%
North	52.9%	+3.6%	32.6%	-9.3%	7.4%	+7.3%
Central	53.0%	+4.8%	27.8%	-13.7%	9.9%	+9.8%
South	56.0%	+1.9%	21.0%	-15.7%	17.5%	+17.4%

Vote share ranges

In 102 constituencies, the BJP secured a vote share of >50%, 35 more than the previous election. Only in two seats did the Congress' vote share exceed the 50% mark, a feat matched by the AAP

	<20%		20-35%		35-50%		>50%	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	0	0	7	0	73	-35	102	+35
INC+	53	-5	72	+35	54	-48	2	-36
AAP	137	+108	36	+36	7	+7	1	+1

Gains & holds

If a party wins/leads in a seat previously won by another, it is a gain. If a party wins/leads in a seat previously won by itself, it is a hold. The BJP held on to 92 seats in 2022 and gained 63 from the Congress. The AAP gained two each from the BJP and the Congress

	BJP	INC+	AAP	Others	Wins
BJP	91	63	0	2	156
INC+	5	10	0	2	17
AAP	2	2	0	1	5
Others.	1	3	0	0	4

Hypothetical alliance

If the Congress and the AAP were in a pre-poll alliance and assuming that they managed to garner votes cumulatively rather than what they individually received in this election, we find that the alliance would have won only 64 of the 182 seats, still short of the half-way mark

Region	AAP+ INC	BJP	Others
Gujarat	**64**	**114**	**4**
Saurashtra-Kutch	27	26	1
North Gujarat	16	35	2
Central Gujarat	11	28	1
South Gujarat	10	25	-

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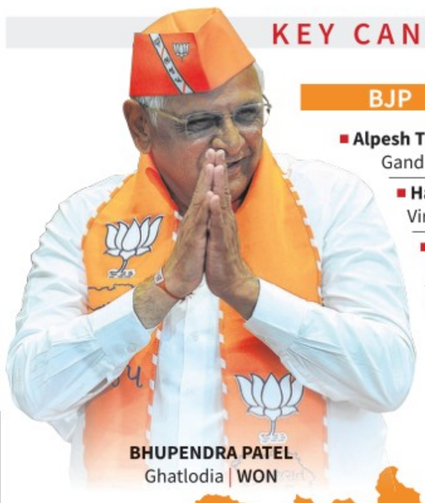

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BJP

- **Alpesh Thakor** — Gandhinagar South | **WON**
- **Hardik Patel** — Viramgam | **WON**
- **Rivaba Patel** — Jamnagar North | **WON**
- **Shankar Chaudary** — Tharad | **WON**

INC+

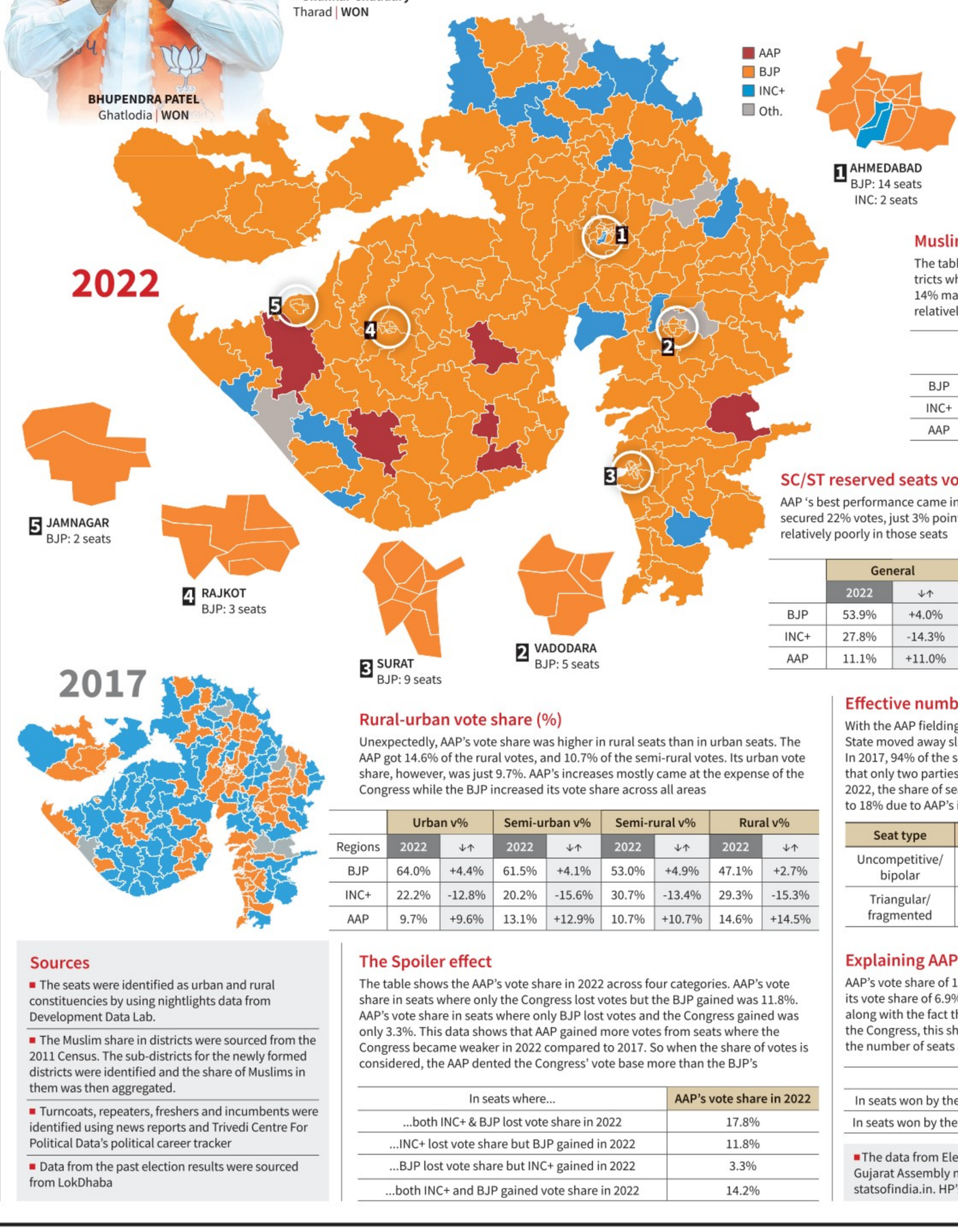
Sukhram Rathwa — Jetpur | **LOST**

- **Paresh Dhanani** — Amreli | **LOST**
- **Jignesh Mevani** — Vadgam | **WON**
- **Arjun Modhwadia** — Porbandar | **WON**
- **Amit Chavda** — Anklav | **WON**

AAP

Isudan Gadhvi — Khambhalia | **LOST**

- **Gopal Italia** — Katargam | **LOST**
- **Sagar Rabari** — Becharaji | **LOST**
- **Bhemabhai Chaudhary** — Deodar | **LOST**
- **Manoj Sorathiya** — Karanj | **LOST**



Turncoats strike least

Ten per cent of candidates fielded by the BJP in 2022 were turncoats. This is the highest such share of BJP candidates in at least the last six elections. To assess the success of these candidate types, their strike rates were considered. Strike rate is the number of seats won as a share of seats contested. The strike rate for BJP turncoats was lowest among all candidate-types

Strike rate (%)	BJP	INC+
Turncoats	78.9	0.0
Non-turncoats	86.5	10.1
Repeaters	87.7	16.7
Freshers	82.4	2.2
Incumbents	86.5	19.6
Non-incumbent	85.2	5.5
Women	82.4	7.1
Men	86.1	9.7

Muslim districts vote %

The table shows the vote share secured by parties in districts where the share of Muslim population exceeded the 14% mark. There was no discernible trend in districts with relatively high Muslim votes

	>14% population		<14% population	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	50.9%	+4.5%	52.7%	+3.3%
INC+	27.8%	-14.5%	27.5%	-14.5%
AAP	13.6%	+13.4%	12.8%	+12.7%

SC/ST reserved seats vote %

AAP 's best performance came in constituencies reserved for STs, where the party secured 22% votes, just 3% points fewer than Congress' vote share. BJP performed relatively poorly in those seats

	General		SC		ST	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	53.9%	+4.0%	53.1%	+4.4%	45.1%	+0.1%
INC+	27.8%	-14.3%	30.0%	-11.1%	24.9%	-17.0%
AAP	11.1%	+11.0%	13.3%	+13.1%	22.0%	21.9%

Rural-urban vote share (%)

Unexpectedly, AAP's vote share was higher in rural seats than in urban seats. The AAP got 14.6% of the rural votes, and 10.7% of the semi-rural votes. Its urban vote share, however, was just 9.7%. AAP's increases mostly came at the expense of the Congress while the BJP increased its vote share across all areas

	Urban v%		Semi-urban v%		Semi-rural v%		Rural v%	
Regions	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	64.0%	+4.4%	61.5%	+4.1%	53.0%	+4.9%	47.1%	+2.7%
INC+	22.2%	-12.8%	20.2%	-15.6%	30.7%	-13.4%	29.3%	-15.3%
AAP	9.7%	+9.6%	13.1%	+12.9%	10.7%	+10.7%	14.6%	+14.5%

Effective number of parties

With the AAP fielding candidates in 181 Assembly seats in Gujarat, the State moved away slightly from the historically bipolar political system. In 2017, 94% of the seats witnessed a bipolar contest, which means that only two parties were effectively fighting the election. However, in 2022, the share of seats which recorded a triangular contest increased to 18% due to AAP's increased vote share in those seats

Seat type	2022	2017	2012	2007
Uncompetitive/ bipolar	82%	94%	87%	88%
Triangular/ fragmented	18%	6%	13%	12%

Sources

- The seats were identified as urban and rural constituencies by using nightlights data from Development Data Lab.
- The Muslim share in districts were sourced from the 2011 Census. The sub-districts for the newly formed districts were identified and the share of Muslims in them was then aggregated.
- Turncoats, repeaters, freshers and incumbents were identified using news reports and Trivedi Centre For Political Data's political career tracker
- Data from the past election results were sourced from LokDhaba

The Spoiler effect

The table shows the AAP's vote share in 2022 across four categories. AAP's vote share in seats where only the Congress lost votes but the BJP gained was 11.8%. AAP's vote share in seats where only BJP lost votes and the Congress gained was only 3.3%. This data shows that AAP gained more votes from seats where the Congress became weaker in 2022 compared to 2017. So when the share of votes is considered, the AAP dented the Congress' vote base more than the BJP's

In seats where...	AAP's vote share in 2022
...both INC+ & BJP lost vote share in 2022	17.8%
...INC+ lost vote share but BJP gained in 2022	11.8%
...BJP lost vote share but INC+ gained in 2022	3.3%
...both INC+ and BJP gained vote share in 2022	14.2%

Explaining AAP's gains

AAP's vote share of 12.8% in seats won by the BJP in 2017 is higher than its vote share of 6.9% in seats won by the Congress in 2017. When read along with the fact that AAP gained two seats each from the BJP and the Congress, this shows AAP dented both the major parties equally if the number of seats are considered

	AAP's vote share in 2022
In seats won by the BJP in 2017	12.8%
In seats won by the INC+ in 2017	6.9%

- The data from Election Commission of India were scraped and the Gujarat Assembly map was provided by **Pratap Vardhan,** who runs statsofindia.in. HP's map was sourced from datameet

...faces heartbreak in Himachal

Keeping in line with the tradition of changing the ruling party every election, the State elected the Congress to power in a closely fought contest. Less than 1% point separated the BJP and the Congress's vote shares, but it resulted in a difference of 15 seats. The victory margin was lower than five percentage points in 18 seats

Wins and vote share

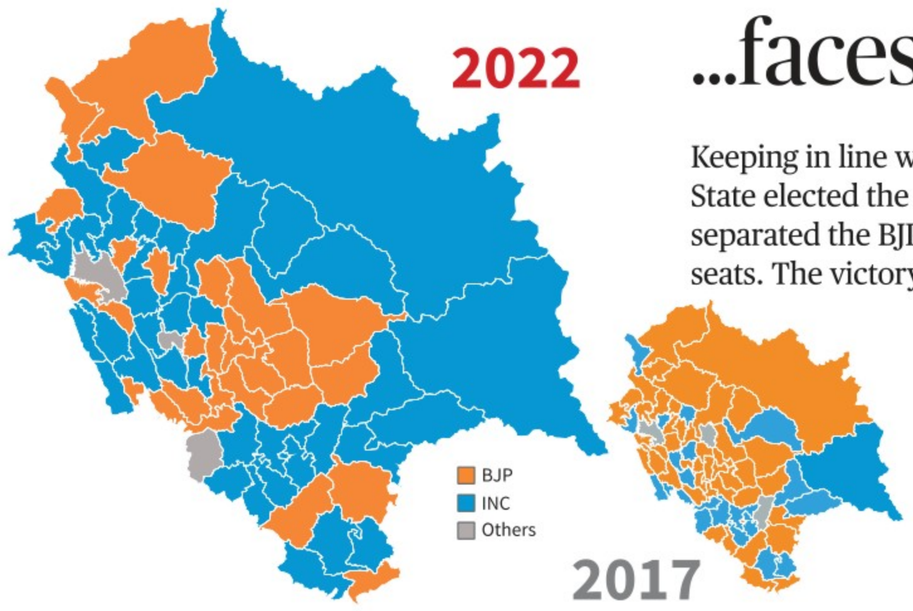
The BJP lost 19 seats while the Congress gained an equal number in the 2022 polls. However, if vote shares are considered, it was a neck-and-neck race with a difference of just 0.9% points in vote share

	Seats won		Vote %	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	25	-19	43.0%	-5.8%
INC	40	+19	43.9%	+2.2%
Others	3	0	13.1%	+3.6%

Gains & holds

Of the 40 wins, the Congress gained 23 from the BJP and held on to 16. The BJP on the other hand retained 20 seats and gained four from the Congress

	BJP	INC	Others	Wins
BJP	20	4	1	25
INC	23	16	1	40
Others	1	1	1	3



KEY CANDIDATES

INC

Mukesh Agnihotri
Haroli | **WON**

- **Vikram Aditya Singh** — Shimla Rural | **WON**
- **Asha Kumari** — Dalhousie | **LOST**
- **Kaul Singh Thakur** — Darang | **LOST**
- **Sukhwinder Singh Sukhu** — Nadaun | **WON**

BJP

Jai Ram Thakur
Seraj | **WON**

- **Suresh Bhardwaj** — Kasumpti | **LOST**
- **Virendar Kumar** — Kutlehar | **LOST**
- **Anil Sharma** — Mandi | **WON**
- **Rajiv Kaizal** — Kasauli | **LOST**

Victory margin

In nine seats, the Congress won by more than 25% points, while the BJP managed to do so only in four seats. The Congress also won in 10 seats with a margin of <5% and the BJP did so in eight seats, pointing to a closely fought contest

	<5%		5-15%		15-25%		>25%	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	8	+2	10	-15	3	-9	4	+3
INC	10	0	17	+8	4	+2	9	+9
Oth.	0	-1	1	-1	2	+2	0	0

Vote share ranges

In 25 seats, the Congress managed to amass more than 50% of the votes while the BJP managed to do so only in nine seats. Most of the BJP's vote share was concentrated in the 35-50% range

	<20%		20-35%		35-50%		>50%	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	1	+1	8	+3	50	+19	9	-23
INC	1	-3	13	+9	29	-23	25	+17
Oth.	331	+69	8	+4	5	+1	0	0

Rural-urban vote share (%)

The BJP lost most votes in the urban and semi-urban seats while the Congress gained the most in semi-rural seats. In rural seats, while the BJP lost 4.4% vote share compared to 2017, the votes did not entirely shift to the Congress but to other parties

	Urban v%		Semi-urban v%		Semi-rural v%		Rural v%	
	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑	2022	↓↑
BJP	43.2%	-6.2%	39.7%	-10.5%	44.4%	-3.4%	44.0%	-4.4%
INC	44.0%	+2.9%	48.1%	+2.3%	43.0%	+3.9%	41.6%	+0.3%
Oth.	12.7%	3.3%	12.2%	+8.2%	12.6%	-0.6%	14.4%	+4.2%

From Page One

BJP returns to power with 156 of 182 seats

Powered by the Prime Minister's glitzy campaign that began in March, almost immediately after the declaration of results in the Assembly polls of Uttar Pradesh, Punjab and Uttarakhand, the ruling party's strategy of dropping as many as 42 sitting legislators and replacing them with new faces and bringing in powerful Congress turncoats in places where it was weak has paid handsome dividends electorally.

Most of the Congress turncoats have won the election, including Other Backward Classes (OBC) face Alpesh Thakor, Patidar quota agitation leader Hardik Patel, tribal leader Rajendrasinh Rathwa, son of Congress veteran Mohansinh Rathwa, and prominent Koli face Kunvarji Bavaliya.

AAP's CM nominee Isudan loses

In Saurashtra and Kutch, which account for 54 seats, the Congress only won in Porbandar, Manavadar and Somnath, while the AAP won from Botad, Visavadar, Gariadhar and Jamjodhpur, with all remaining seats going to the ruling party. The AAP's Chief Ministerial face, Isudan Gadhavi, also faced defeat from Khambhalia in Saurashtra.

The BJP completely swept districts such as Amreli, Rajkot, Morbi, Dwarka, Kutch, Surendranagar, Kheda, Gandhinagar, Panchmahal, Sabarkantha and Valsad, winning all the seats in these districts. In Ahmedabad city, the BJP won 14 out of 16 seats, wresting two seats from the Congress, while also winning all five seats in rural Ahmedabad, again wresting two seats from the Opposition party. In north Gujarat, the Congress could win only two seats in Patan district, four in Banaskantha and one in Mehsana, while all other seats went to the ruling BJP. The AAP has not won any seat in north Gujarat, but it did split the Opposition vote, benefiting the BJP in at least seven seats.

Anti-incumbency scotches BJP hopes

In the Himachal Pradesh Assembly, 35 seats mark the majority needed by any party or alliance to stake claim to form government in the State.

According to the Election Commission's data, the Congress secured around 44% of the popular vote, while the BJP secured 43%. The AAP was able to get only 1.1% of the vote share, while 0.59% of voters chose the 'None of the Above' option.

The Ministers who lost are Suresh Bhardwaj, Ramlal Markanda, Virendra Kanwar, Govind Singh Thakur, Rakesh Pathania, Rajiv Saizal, Sarveen Chowdhary and Rajendra Garg.

Mr. Thakur has submitted his resignation to Governor Rajendra Vishwanath Arlekar who has accepted it, according to an official statement.

"The voters were not swayed by the carpet bombing of both money and muscle power by the BJP," said Congress leader Anand Sharma. "The results are a clear rejection of the Agniveer scheme of the government from the very recruitment belt of the Indian Army. It is also a vindication of the Congress' promise to bring back the Old Pension Scheme."

Facing strong anti-incumbency sentiments, the BJP depended on intense campaigning by the party's central leadership. The Congress' focus on local governance issues – such as corruption, inflation, unemployment, demand for the restoration of the old pension scheme (OPS) by government employees, and the problems of horticulturists and farmers – seems to have cost the BJP dearly. Apart from this, the BJP's rebels also seem to have dented the party's "mission repeat" ambition.

The Congress, which had been struggling with factionalism since the demise of former Chief Minister Virbhadra Singh, kept harping on the undercurrent of anti-incumbency to clinch the win. Its victory is being seen against the backdrop of people's longing for an alternative.

Bypolls bring more cheer for BJP, Cong.; BJD wins big in Padampur

BJP clinches significant wins in Rampur constituency in Uttar Pradesh and Kurhani in Bihar, while SP wins the Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat; Congress retains the Assembly seats of Sardarshahar in Rajasthan and Bhanupratapur in Chhattisgarh

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Joyous moment: Samajwadi Party workers in Lucknow celebrating the victory of Dimple Yadav, wife of party chief Akhilesh Yadav in the Mainpuri Lok Sabha constituency on Thursday. SANDEEP SAXENA

Byelections to one Lok Sabha and six Assembly seats threw up politically significant results on Thursday as the BJP managed to breach Samajwadi Party leader Azam Khan's fortress of Rampur in Uttar Pradesh and embarrassed the Janata Dal(U), a former ally, by defeating its candidate in the Kurhani Assembly constituency of Bihar.

The BJP, however, lost the Khatauli Assembly seat in Uttar Pradesh to the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD). In the lone Lok Sabha byelection to the Mainpuri seat, which fell vacant on the death of Samajwadi Party (SP) founder Mulayam Singh, his daughter-in-law Dimple Yadav retained the family stronghold. Ms. Yadav won by a margin of 2,88,136 votes over her nearest BJP rival, Raghuraj Singh Shakya.

The Congress retained the Assembly seats of Sardarshahar in Rajasthan and Bhanupratapur in Chhattisgarh, while in Odisha, the Biju Janata Dal (BJD) scored a convincing victory in Padampur.

The byelection to the Rampur Sadar Assembly seat was held after Mr. Khan was disqualified as an MLA on being sentenced to three years in jail in a hate speech case. Mr. Khan cannot contest elections for six years now. Akash Saxena of the BJP defeated Asim Raja, SP candidate and Mr. Khan's close aide, by a margin of 33,702 votes. The BJP win in Rampur comes amid allegations that many voters were not allowed to reach polling booths by the police. The average voter turnout was 33.97% across 454 booths in the constituency.

In Khatauli, the byelection was held after BJP MLA Vikram Singh Saini was disqualified on his conviction in a Muzaffarnagar riots case. Here, RLD candidate Madan Bhaiya defeated Mr. Saini's wife, Rajkumari Saini, by over 22,000 votes.

The Congress won the Sardarshahar seat in Rajasthan for the 10th time with party candidate Anil Sharma defeating the Ashok Kumar Pincha of the BJP by 26,850 votes. In Bhanupratapur, Congress candidate Savitri Mandavi won by 21,171 votes against Brahmanand Netam of the BJP.

BJD candidate Barsha Singh Bariha defeated Pradip Purohit of the BJP by 42,679 votes in Padampur. She is the daughter of Bijay Ranjan Singh Bariha, MLA, whose death led to the byelection.

Poll results in Gujarat is not mood of the nation: Pawar

Abhinay Deshpande
MUMBAI

The Gujarat Assembly election verdict does not reflect the mood of the country as it was along expected lines, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) supremo Sharad Pawar said on Thursday, adding that the defeat of the BJP in Himachal Pradesh Assembly and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) prove his point.

Speaking at his party's State executive meeting, he said that the entire power machinery was used for the benefit of one particular State, Gujarat.

Further, the former Union Minister said that there will always be a political vacuum in any State, which was filled by the BJP in Gujarat and the AAP in Delhi. "Such a vacuum exists in our State and I'm confident that NCP is capable of filling it. We should focus to work on building the next generation of leaders," he said. He asked the party functionaries work to unite all forces which oppose the BJP's ideology.

SP dedicates Mainpuri victory to Mulayam; Adityanath expresses gratitude to voters of Rampur

Mayank Kumar
LUCKNOW

Coming together: Akhilesh Yadav presenting the Samajwadi Party flag to his uncle Shivpal Yadav in Etawah on Thursday. PTI

The results of the byelections to the prestigious Mainpuri Lok Sabha seat and the two Assembly seats in Uttar Pradesh gave the Samajwadi Party (SP) and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) something to cheer about. While the SP registered a comprehensive victory in Mainpuri and its ally, the Rashtriya Lok Dal (RLD), won the Khatauli Assembly seat by over 22,000 votes, the saffron party wrested the Rampur Assembly seat from the SP.

In Mainpuri, the SP president's wife and party candidate, Dimple Yadav, defeated the BJP's Raghuraj Singh Shakya by 2,88,461 votes. Ms. Yadav polled 6,18,120 votes against Mr. Shakya, who received 3,29,659 votes.

The byelection in Mainpuri, a seat the SP has held since 1996, was necessitated by the death of the party founder and three-time Chief Minister Mulayam Singh, who represented the constituency five times in Lok Sabha. The SP dedicated the victory to the late Mulayam Singh, with party leaders claiming that the margin of success signals the things to come in the run-up to the 2024 election.

High-pitched campaign

Uttar Pradesh witnessed high-pitched campaigning for these byelections with the SP leadership engaging in a door-to-door campaign in Mainpuri along with over 100-odd meetings. However, for the SP, the loss of the Rampur Sadar Assembly seat, considered the citadel of its Muslim face and 10-time MLA, Azam Khan, comes as a shock with the BJP winning the constituency by over 33,000 votes.

In the constituency with a roughly 50% Muslim electorate, the saffron party's candidate, Akash Saxena, polled 81,432 votes, while Azam Khan's protege and SP nominee, Asim Raja, got a mere 47,296 votes.

Rampur witnessed a low turnout on polling day, December 5, with only around 33% voters coming out to vote amid allegations by the Samajwadi Party that Muslim voters were prevented by the ruling party, with help from the administration, from reaching the booths.

The byelection to the Rampur Sadar seat was necessitated due to conviction of Mr. Khan in a 2019 hate speech case leading to his disqualification as MLA. Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath expressed gratitude to voters of Rampur for electing the BJP.

In the Khatauli Assembly byelection, Madan Bhaiya of the RLD wrested the seat from the BJP by polling 97,139 votes. His nearest rival, the BJP's Rajkumari Saini, secured 74,996 votes. The byelection was necessitated due to the disqualification of BJP MLA Vikram Singh Saini, following his conviction in a 2013 riots case.

After prestige win in Bihar, BJP seeks Nitish's resignation

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

In the 2020 Assembly election, the BJP candidate had lost to the RJD candidate

In a keenly fought byelection in the Kurhani Assembly constituency in north Bihar, BJP candidate Kedar Prasad Gupta defeated Manoj Singh Kushwaha, the *mahagathbandhan* candidate from the JD(U), by 3,632 votes. Following the victory, the BJP demanded Chief Minister Nitish Kumar's resignation.

In the 2020 Assembly election, the BJP candidate lost to the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) candidate, Anil Kumar Sahani, by over 700 votes. However, Mr. Sahani was recently sentenced to imprisonment in a fraud case and disqualified from the Assembly, necessitating the byelection.

After the win, the BJP demanded the CM's resignation. "Now after defeat in the Kurhani bypoll, Chief Minister Nitish Kumar should resign from his post as he had done after his party had got only two seats in the 2014 Lok Sabha poll," said senior State BJP leader and Rajya Sabha member Sushil Kumar Modi.

"The Kurhani bypoll had become a prestige issue for him as he had done several poll meetings there, so he should now resign from his post," he added.

Tough battle

Both the Vikassheel Insaan Party (VIP) and the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) made the battle tough for the BJP and JD(U) candidates by making a dent in their respective vote banks.

"Nitish Kumar's party had fielded VIP candidate to cut votes of BJP, but he failed. Mr. Kumar's Extremely Backward Class (EBC) vote now has been shifted to the BJP," Mr. Sushil Modi claimed.

No proposal at present to reintroduce NJAC: govt.

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

There is no proposal at present to reintroduce a Bill on National Judicial Appointments Commission, the Rajya Sabha was informed on Thursday.

Responding to a question by the Leader of the Opposition (LoP) in Rajya Sabha Mallikarjun Kharge and CPI(M)'s John Brittas on whether the government proposes to reintroduce NJAC with "suitable modifications", Law Minister Kiren Rijiju said that "at present there is no such proposal". The NJAC Act, which sought to overturn the Collegium system of appointing the Supreme Court and High Court judges, was struck down by the top court in 2015.

Collegium system is the law until Centre brings new legislation, says SC

Krishnadas Rajagopal
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday said nobody was stopping the Union government from bringing a new law on judicial appointments, but till then, the Collegium system and its Memorandum of Procedure was the "final word".

The court's remarks came after Vice-President Jagdeep Dhankar on Wednesday criticised the striking down of the National Judicial Appointments Commission (NJAC) Act by a Constitution Bench in October 2015.

"Yes, Parliament has the power to enact laws. The government can ask Parliament to lay down a new law. Nobody can prohibit it. You want to bring a new law, gather consensus, you can always do that. However, then you may have to stand the scrutiny of a challenge... The scheme of the Constitution requires the court to be the final arbiter on the position of a law as enacted by Parliament," Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul, leading a three-judge Bench, addressed Attorney-General R. Venkataramani, for the government.

The court said the law on judicial appointments to the High Courts, as it stood now, was the Collegium system evolved by the Supreme Court in the *Three Judges* cases.

"Our job is to enforce the law as it exists now. When you (government) lay down a law, you expect the Supreme Court to enforce it. Similarly, if a law (Collegium system) is laid down by the Supreme Court, then the government is equally bound to follow the law... Till the law of Collegium is prevalent, it should be followed to the 'T'," Justice Kaul admonished.

Not well-taken

The court said comments made by high authorities about the Collegium were not "well-taken". "We have to follow the Collegium system no matter what people would speak of the Collegium rightly or wrongly at the right place or the wrong place... If every person or section of society decides what law to follow, there will be a complete breakdown," Justice Kaul said.

Law Minister Kiren Rijiju had been attacking the Collegium over the past days for its "opacity" even as the government remained incommunicado over Collegium recommendations of names to fill up judgeships. Supreme Court Bar Association president, senior advocate Vikas Singh, urged the court to issue contempt action to bring the government in line. He said the comments made by the government directly attacked the court's constitutional power of judicial review.

The court said it cannot engage in a "ping-pong battle" or a "blame game" over Collegium recommendations.

"You are sending back names twice over, thrice over... How many times? That is, if you don't find a name palatable, you will not appoint... Once a name is reiterated by the Collegium, there is no other passage for you but to appoint the person as judge," Justice Kaul said.

Centre to stop Maulana Azad Fellowship for minority students

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre has decided to discontinue the Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF), a scholarship for students from the minority communities, from this year. The scholarship was launched during the UPA government as part of implementing the Sachar panel recommendations.

Union Minority Affairs Minister Smriti Irani told the Lok Sabha here on Thursday that the decision was made since the MANF overlaps with various other schemes. "Since the scheme overlaps with various other fellowship schemes for higher education implemented by the government, the government has decided to discontinue the MANF scheme from 2022-23," Ms. Irani said.

She added that as per the data provided by the UGC, 6,722 candidates were selected under the scheme between 2014-15 and 2021-22 and fellowships to the tune of ₹738.85 crore were distributed during the same period.

'Economic crisis in J&K'

The Hindu Bureau
SRINAGAR

Democratic Azad Party chief Ghulam Nabi Azad said J&K's economy was in deep crisis and labourers were forced to migrate.

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GANDHINAGAR

After stunning win, Bhupendra and team savour the victory

VIJAY SONEJI

Bhupendra Patel was an unlikely choice of Chief Minister for the Bharatiya Janata Party in Gujarat after Vijay Rupani put in his papers in September 2021. Here Mr. Patel is seen celebrating the stupendous success of the party with Gujarat BJP president C.R. Patil at Kamalam, the party headquarters in Gandhinagar.

SHIMLA

Congress celebrates Himachal win after a string of defeats since 2019

PTI

Congress workers distribute sweets as they celebrate the party's victory in the Himachal Pradesh Assembly election on Thursday. Sachin Pilot, party leader, said that the Himachal Pradesh win had broken the myth that the Congress, facing a string of defeats since the 2019 Lok Sabha election, cannot win in North India.

AHMEDABAD

First time lucky, Hardik Patel makes the most of a famous win

PTI

Hardik Patel, the spearhead of the Patidar agitation in 2017, wins the Viramgam seat for his new party, BJP. The young leader defected from the Congress ahead of the election, citing disillusionment with the party. Mr. Patel was among the young crop that helped the Congress win 77 seats in 2017.

KULLU

Congress candidate breaks into celebration in Himachal seat

PTI

Sunder Singh Thakur celebrates his win with supporters on Thursday. With the initial results out, the Congress was so apprehensive of poaching attempts by the BJP that the party thought of sequestering its MLAs-elect in Chhattisgarh, but after securing a solid majority, shelved the plan.

Results reflect the support from all sections for BJP's commitment: PM

Modi urges party workers to erase the fault lines that divide the country, which were being 'exploited' by other parties for political gains; says he bows to the people for their mandate; results show people's rising anger against dynastic rule

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Thumping victory: Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP president J.P. Nadda at a function at the BJP headquarters in New Delhi following the party's historic win in the Gujarat Assembly election on Thursday. R.V. MOORTHY

Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Thursday that the results of the Assembly elections in Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh, along with those of several bye-elections, reflected the support of all sections of society for the BJP's "vision and commitment".

Addressing BJP workers at the party's headquarters in New Delhi, Mr. Modi exhorted them to work to rise above the "fault lines" that divide, which he said were "being exploited" by rival parties for political gains.

While the people of Gujarat have "broken records in breaking new records", the BJP fell behind the Congress by less than 1% of the votes in Himachal Pradesh, Mr. Modi noted.

He added that his party's win in the Kurhani bye-election in Bihar against the combined might of the grand alliance of the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), the Janata Dal(U) and the Congress was an indication of the times to come in the State.

'People's realisation'

Alluding to the campaign promises of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the Prime Minister invoked the Hindi idiom "*Aamdani athanni kharcha rupaiya*" (Income is 50 paisa while expenditure is one rupee), and said that people had realised that short-term policies would inflict a big harm on the country.

The support to the BJP shows the people's rising anger against dynastic rule and corruption, he said. "I bow to the people, their blessing is overwhelming," he said, adding, "be it villages or cities, the poor or middle class, youth or women, every section of society has supported the BJP." The party has won 34 of the 40 seats reserved for the Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Scheduled Tribes (STs) in Gujarat with a thumping majority, Mr. Modi added.

Hailing the verdict in Gujarat, he said that the State's affection for the BJP despite it being in power for nearly 25 years was unprecedented. He noted that he had urged people to make "Bhupendra [Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel] break all records of Narendra" and they had done it.

In a swipe at the BJP's critics, the PM said the country needs to know the "games" of people who call themselves neutral. There is no discussion on those who lost their deposits in Himachal and Uttarakhand, Mr. Modi said, in an apparent swipe at the media.

"Gujarat Chief Minister Bhupendra Patel has won his seat by almost two lakh votes which is an impressive margin even in a Lok Sabha election," he said.

Mr. Modi said he had seen it all as his every move was savaged after 2002, an apparent reference to the communal violence in the State when he was Chief Minister. However, he benefited from it by being alert all the time and making positive changes in himself, he said, adding that those who are lauded all the time have little chance to correct themselves.

In electoral arena, BJP remains the party to beat

NEWS ANALYSIS

Nistula Hebbar
NEW DELHI

On the face of it, the results of the elections to the Gujarat and Himachal Pradesh Assemblies and the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) gave every contender what they wanted – the BJP winning its seventh straight, record-breaking victory in Gujarat; the Congress returning to power in Himachal Pradesh; and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) capturing power in the Delhi civic body. But the lessons to be drawn lie in the detail.

The BJP's spectacular win in Gujarat was the peak of its "Gujarat model" under the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with the organisational heft of the party and the micromanagement of all resources by Home Minister Amit Shah.

The party's loss in Himachal Pradesh, however, was largely due to the fact that it faced the anti-incumbency factor and was unable to manage rebels, while the Congress ran a hyper-local campaign, which stayed on message.

The disparate results, however, do have a common theme: despite the BJP having lost power in Himachal Pradesh, the scale of its victory in Gujarat, its seventh in a row and with a record-breaking majority, has only reinforced its sway over India's politics.

In Gujarat, votes for the AAP and the Congress together do not add up to 40% of the total, while the BJP increased its vote share from 49.1% in 2017 to 52.5% in 2022, even in a poll that saw a 4% drop in turnout.

In Himachal Pradesh, the BJP's tally came down from 44 in 2017 to 25 in 2022 (at the time of writing), but its vote share only came down from 48% to 43%, equal to the winning Congress's vote share. The AAP, meanwhile, clocked a measly 1.1% vote share in the State. The BJP did not suffer a similar decimation here as the Congress had in Gujarat.

In the Delhi civic election, the BJP clocked 39.09% of the votes polled, while in 2017, the party secured 36.08%.

The numbers demonstrate that in a large meta narrative sense, there is no significant political challenge to the BJP in ideological or governance terms.

The biggest takeaway of these poll results is that while it seems that all came away satisfied at having won at least one contest, the party that came away with its support base intact and the heft to sustain a stare-down fight remains the BJP.

My hearty congratulations to Congress leaders and cadre on their reassuring victory in Himachal Pradesh

M.K. STALIN
Tamil Nadu CM

Gujarat win is an expression of people's love towards the development, security and good governance of Prime Minister Narendra Modi

YOGI ADITYANATH
Uttar Pradesh CM

I congratulate BJP and PM for the victory in Gujarat... the projects which were taken away to Gujarat from Maharashtra also helped in the victory

UDDHAV THACKERAY
Former Maharashtra CM

Wresting Himachal from BJP is small consolation for beleaguered Congress

Sobhana K. Nair
NEW DELHI

Mallikarjun Kharge

The Congress got only 17 seats in Gujarat, its worst-ever performance in the State in the past four decades, though it remains the second-largest party after the BJP.

A significant shift of its vote bank to the AAP which could prove detrimental in the long term gives the party enough to worry. In Himachal Pradesh, with 40 seats in its kitty, the bigger challenge for the party is to keep the flock together for the next five years.

Party president Mallikarjun Kharge, speaking to presspersons, said, "We accept our defeat in Gujarat and welcome our victory in Himachal Pradesh. We shall continue our fight. No victory or defeat is permanent. We will not abandon our principles and this is an ideological battle. We shall analyse and try to overcome our shortcomings." The party's State in-charge and Rajasthan leader Raghu Sharma has resigned taking responsibility for the defeat.

The scale of Gujarat defeat also casts a long shadow on the political situation in Rajasthan which is going to the polls in November 2023.

Meanwhile, the victory in Himachal Pradesh is the first for the party under the newly elected party president, and its first victory in a Hindi-speaking State in the past four years.

The credit for the win is heaped on party general secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra who addressed five rallies and monitored the election.

Mr. Kharge said, "The question is not about whether these results came soon after I was elected. We have won Himachal Pradesh elections for which I thank all the voters, party's workers, office-bearers and everyone who worked during this election campaign." He also thanked Ms. Priyanka Gandhi, Mr. Rahul Gandhi and Ms. Sonia Gandhi.

While the victory in Himachal Pradesh does not entirely balance out the defeat in Gujarat, party leaders feel that it could be a crucial turning point.

"Over the years, BJP has been spreading the notion that the Congress cannot win in the Hindi-speaking belt. Our victory in Himachal Pradesh, where Prime Minister and BJP Chief Ministers did extensive rallies, clearly nullifies this narrative," senior leader Sachin Pilot told *The Hindu*.

Feather in cap: Himachal Congress president Pratibha Singh (second from right) celebrates the victory in Shimla on Thursday. PTI

Cong. in a fix in hill State as many leaders aspire for CM's post

Vikas Vasudeva
CHANDIGARH

The race for the post of Chief Minister of Himachal Pradesh is all set to grow hot as the faction-ridden State unit of the Congress has several contenders for the top post.

The party has over half a dozen of leaders who are contenders for the post: Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu, Pratibha Singh, Mukesh Agnihotri, Kuldeep Singh Rathore, Kaul Singh Thakur, Asha Kumar, and Ram Lal Thakur.

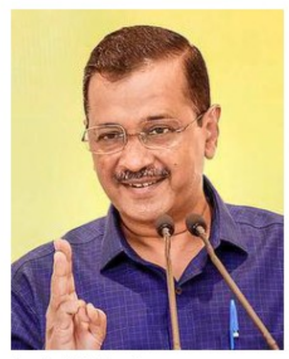
However, as Mr. Kaul Singh, Ms. Kumari, and Mr. Ram La Thakur failed to win their seats, they are out of the race.

The key battle now remains between Mr. Sukhu and Ms. Pratibha Singh. Mr. Rathore, who won from Theog, is also in contention.

At present, the party's campaign committee chief Mr. Sukhu, with his fourth win from Nadaun, is one of the strongest candidates. Ms. Prathibha Singh, who is currently the president of the party State unit and Lok Sabha member for Mandi, could give a tough fight to Mr. Sukhu even though she did not contest.

AAP to turn national party; Kejriwal says will conquer Gujarat fortress next time

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI



Arvind Kejriwal

Ten years after it was formed, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) is all set to get the status of a national party after securing nearly 13% of the vote share and five seats in the Gujarat Assembly election.

Thanking the people of Gujarat for helping the party achieve the status, party convener and Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal said, "We have managed to breach the fortress this time, next time we will conquer it."

Becoming a national party before the 2024 Lok Sabha election bode well with the ambitions of the party, which has been testing the waters in many States and municipal bodies, of emerging as the principal challenger to the BJP across the country.

Before the Assembly election this year, the AAP first tested its electoral fortunes in Gujarat in the Surat municipal polls where it replaced the Congress to become the second-biggest party securing a 28% vote share.

The party plans to contest in most of the States going to the polls next year. They include the Congress-ruled Chhattisgarh and Rajasthan and the BJP-ruled Madhya Pradesh and Karnataka. The party plans to contest election in Jammu and Kashmir, likely to be held early next year.

According to Election Commission (EC) rules, a party gets national status if it is recognised as a State party in four States. For recognition as a State party, it has to secure at least 6% of the valid votes polled and two seats in the Assembly or Lok Sabha elections.

Gujarat is the fourth State where the AAP will be recognised as a State party. While the party has governments in Delhi and Punjab, in Goa, it had won two Assembly seats and secured 6.67% of the votes.

After the Assembly election in Goa in February, the EC recognised the AAP as a State party in Goa. After being recognised as a national party, the AAP can claim the *Jhaadu* (broom) as a reserved symbol for itself across the country.

AAP senior leader Gopal Rai said, "The people of Gujarat have provided us with this gift of giving us the recognition of a national party. The people of Gujarat have cleared the street for us to use our *Jhaadu* and clean the State governments in every part of this country."

INBRIEF

RS member seeks explanation on cyber attack on AIIMS

Terming the recent ransomware attack on the All India Institute of Medical Sciences' computer network an issue related to the country's security, Rajya Sabha Member Ranjeet Ranjan on Thursday sought an explanation from the Centre. Ms. Ranjan said as per reports, five servers having data of about five crore patients were targeted. She said the matter was serious because the hospital had a separate ward where medical records of all the VIPs, including former Prime Ministers, Ministers and the present Prime Minister, were kept. Ms. Ranjan said the Aadhaar numbers of the patients, their mobile numbers, their e-mail addresses and other details could be misused.

Dhankar seeks inputs on showcasing India's culture

Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankhar on Thursday urged the members of the House to share their inputs on ways to showcase India's culture through the G-20 platform. "During my two visits abroad, I found in the people an air of expectation. They expect, and rightly so, that in the land of culture and civilisation, the event will be unique and an occasion for them to feast on our cultural wealth and that is both a challenge and an opportunity for us," said Mr. Dhankhar. The Chairman announced he would pass on the recommendations to the Leader of the House, Piyush Goyal, who would "bring about convergence of various departments to consider the inputs."

IPS officer Amit Lodha of *Bihar Diaries* fame booked

Amit Lodha, an IPS officer whose book *Bihar Diaries* was made into a Web series that featured on Netflix, has been booked under several sections of the Prevention of Corruption Act and the Indian Penal Code for "abusing his official position and indulging in financial irregularities for personal gain". A release issued by Bihar's Special Vigilance Unit said the case was lodged after a review of allegations against Mr. Lodha. He has been charged with entering into an agreement with a production company for financial gain while being a government official.

Court frames charges against Kappan in PMLA case

A Lucknow court has framed charges against jailed journalist Siddique Kappan and six others in a Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) case. Special Judge of Enforcement Directorate (ED) matters Sanjay Shankar Pandey asked the agency to produce its witnesses on December 17. The ED had booked Mr. Kappan in the PMLA case for allegedly obtaining money from a foreign country illegally and utilising it in acts against the interest of the nation. He was arrested on October 6, 2020 while on his way to Hathras in Uttar Pradesh to report on the alleged gang rape and killing of a 19-year-old woman. He has been in jail since. Police had initially booked the journalist for offences under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

Process to appoint ad hoc judges must be less cumbersome: SC

Senior advocates in HCs may not want to give up lucrative legal practices permanently but may take up the role for a limited period, says Bench

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Supreme Court on Thursday suggested a less cumbersome and even "out-of-the-box" thinking, including roping in senior lawyers to act as ad hoc judges in High Courts, to meet the rising tide of pendency.

A Bench led by Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said senior advocates in High Courts may not be willing to give up their lucrative legal practices permanently, but may be interested in joining the Bench as ad hoc judges under Article 224A of the Constitution for a limited period of about two years.

"We should not have the procedure so cumbersome that the whole purpose is lost," Justice Kaul, heading a three-judge Bench, addressed Attorney-General R. Venkataramani.

> Once the Chief Justice recommends it, it should happen in a matter of days; if it goes for long, no one will come back
>
> **JUSTICE SANJAY KISHAN KAUL**
> Supreme Court judge

The court pointed out that retired judges who were willing to come back to the Bench as ad hoc judges would bring their experience in dealing with arrears. "You [government] have to forget you are appointing judges, you are appointing ad hoc judges. Once the Chief Justice recommends it, it should happen in a matter of days; if it goes for long, no one will come back," Justice Kaul said.

The court was hearing a case filed by NGO Lok Prahari seeking invocation of Article 224A for appointment of ad hoc judges in High Courts.

In April last year, the court had identified five situations in which the judiciary could seek the aid of ad hoc judges, including when vacancies were over 20% of sanctioned strength and cases had been pending for over five years.

The case is listed next on February 8.

RS clears Wildlife Bill that promises better protection

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Rajya Sabha passed the Wildlife (Protection) Amendment Bill on Thursday.

Environment Minister Bhupender Yadav assured the House that elephants would be protected and conserved according to the provisions of the Act.

The Bill, which had undergone scrutiny of a parliamentary panel, seeks to conserve and protect wildlife through better management of protected areas and rationalise schedules which list out species under the Wildlife (Protection) Act, 1972. The Lok Sabha cleared the legislation in August during the Monsoon Session.

The Bill seeks better management of protected areas and provides for certain permitted activities such as grazing or movement of livestock and *bona fide* use of drinking and household water by local communities.

Bhupender Yadav

Sushmita Dev of the Trinamool Congress said the amendment has given huge leeway for the transportation of elephants and expressed concern about protection of the animal as the amendment contravened Section 27 of the Act.

Congress member Jairam Ramesh opposed the Bill in its current form. He said the Minister had accepted the recommendations of the Standing Committee but deviated from an important suggestion. "The Standing Committee accepted the religious significance of the elephant, but the Minister has also included the words 'any other purpose'. What are these words supposed to stand for," he asked.

Poll bonds worth ₹676 cr. sold in a week in November

Jatin Anand
NEW DELHI

As many as 954 electoral bonds (EBs), of which 666 were of the denomination of ₹1 crore, were sold in a period of seven days in November, and all but one, worth ₹1,000 were subsequently encashed.

Mumbai accounted for the most number of poll bonds sold followed by Delhi, with both cities accounting for the sale of as many as 628 of the total 954 EBs during phase 23 between November 9 and 15, according to data provided by the State Bank of India (SBI) to transparency activist Commodore Lokesh Batra (retd.) in an RTI reply. "In the 23rd phase, 98.5% of electoral bonds sold are of the value of ₹1 crore each," Commodore Batra said. The remaining comprised 143 EBs worth ₹1 lakh each, 88 worth ₹10 lakh each, 27 worth ₹10,000 each and 30 worth ₹1,000 each.

Mumbai accounted for sales of ₹309 crore and Delhi for ₹225 crore.

Candidates backed by NC, Apni Party win in J&K

Peerzada Ashiq
SRINAGAR

Two candidates supported by the National Conference (NC) and the Apni Party won the District Development Council (DDC) byelections in Kupwara and Bandipora of north Kashmir on Thursday.

Amina Majeed, who contested as an Independent candidate, won the Drugmulla constituency in Kupwara. She was supported by the National Conference.

Shabnam Rehman, who was fielded by the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) in 2020 but joined Sajad Lone's Peoples Conference (PC) this year, stood second.

In Bandipora's Hajin-A, Independent candidate Naza won. Naza was supported by the Apni Party.

The two DDC constituencies witnessed re-polling after the State Election Commission declared the previous voting process invalid because two candidates, could not "prove their Indian citizenship".

Field trials of GM mustard DMH-11 showed high yield, says Minister for Science

Jacob Koshy
NEW DELHI

Field trials of the transgenic mustard variety, Dhara Mustard Hybrid-11 (DMH-11), revealed them to be higher yielding and they did not deter the pollination habits of honeybees, Union Science Minister Jitendra Singh said in the Rajya Sabha in a written response to a query.

The DMH-11 had recently been approved by the Genetic Engineering Appraisal Committee (GEAC) for cultivation in farmer fields, as a precursor to commercial cultivation. The GEAC is an autonomous body of experts authorised by the Environment Ministry to appraise the safety of genetically modified seeds.

Mr. Singh's statement in the Rajya Sabha is the first time that a Union Ministry had endorsed the safety and benefits of the seed in Parliament. The only other transgenic seed permitted to be commercially cultivated in India is Bt cotton.

Case under way: The Supreme Court is hearing a petition against the approval given to GM mustard. VIJAY SONEJI

The Centre has defended the approval accorded to DMH-11 in the Supreme Court, which is hearing a petition filed by activist Aruna Rodrigues questioning the GEAC approval to DMH-11.

DMH-11 has been tested for three years against national check Varuna and zonal check RL1359 during confined field trials at multiple locations. DMH-11 showed approximately 28% more yield than the national check and 37% more than the zonal checks, Mr. Singh said on Thursday.

"Extensive studies carried out on toxicity, allergenicity, compositional analysis, field trials and environmental safety studies of GM mustard lines vs their non-transgenic comparators have provided evidence that they are safe for cultivation and for food and feed use. Visitation of bees to the transgenic lines is similar to the non-transgenic counterparts as per the data recorded during the trials," he added.

Bill to amend energy conservation Act introduced in RS

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Minister of New and Renewable Energy R.K. Singh introduced the Energy Conservation (Amendment) Bill in the Rajya Sabha on Thursday. The Minister stated that the non-fossil fuel capacity was 42% of the total energy generation. To address the transition to clean energy, the Bill had been brought, he said.

"For petroleum refining, we use hydrogen drawn from natural gas. The idea is to replace natural gas. To stop carbon emission, we will use green hydrogen gas. We make ammonia from natural gas, both ammonia and natural gas are imported, we intend to replace that with green hydrogen, that is why this Bill is required," Mr. Singh said. He said there was scope for energy-efficiency in the construction sector.

Congress leader Abhishek Manu Singhvi said though he supported the Bill, there were some concerns and contradictions in the government policy. "The Bill brings building codes for non-fossil fuel-based construction. It expands the extent of carbon footprint emanation. It creates agencies for issuing carbon credit certificates," Mr. Singhvi said. He added that the Bill contradicted the government's policy as it had reduced the subsidies on clean energy, and increased the taxes.

> To stop carbon emission, we will use green hydrogen gas
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> **R.K. SINGH**
> Minister for New and Renewable Energy

"I understand that you want to reduce the import of solar panels from China for which you have increased import duty but are you aware that many manufacturers import solar panel parts from China," Mr. Singhvi said.

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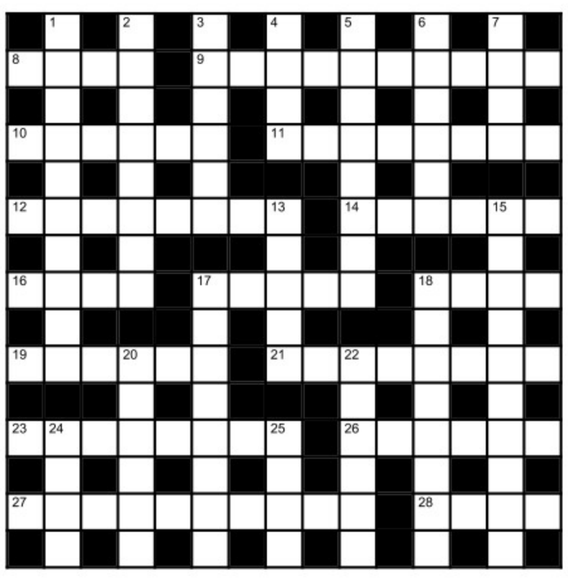

Across

8 Scrap Chinese vessel (4)
9 No earls in city? (3,7)
10 Devastated Portsmouth tout leaves and gradually changes (6)
11 Sappers drink with queen and journalist (8)
12 Summoned accountant and a couple of students to dine at sea (6,2)
14 Dislike tenancy charge covering extra space at first (6)
16 Vessel containing snake having head of toad (4)
17 Vehicle full of worms (5)
18 Commencement of dinner at end of dance with romantic partner (4)
19 Invite to a relationship at souk dance (3,3)
21 Perhaps T-Rex's red photo is morphed (8)
23 Vehicle with mother carries rejected advertisement for spice (8)
26 Bren owner's fame (6)
27 Crustacean bit charmer violently (6,4)
28 Unclothed dancing! Unclothed in absence of cloth (4)

Down

1 Robots plant vegetable in Australia with poles (10)
2 Military chaplain's silky top is crumpled (3,5)
3 American journalist following United Nations is new (6)
4 Container carried by the werewolf (4)
5 Prince rewrites poetry in estate, for example (8)
6 Comes to know dramatic king has bridge partners (6)
7 Money put down to wager, "Insect has energy" (4)
13 Thing broken in darkness (5)
15 Want iodine manufactured throughout the country (10)
17 Flying creatures conceal spoilt ham at end of August in toilet furnishings (4,4)
18 Doctor liable to pay around beginning of November for suffocating underwater (8)
20 Accumulation of fluid from tops of organs exhibiting disease exaggerated by male African leader (6)
22 Dress borne wrongly by Earl (6)
24 Got old silver with European design initially (4)
25 Spoil English animal (4)

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Solution to yesterday's Sudoku

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FAITH

Efficacy of Rama namam

What is in a name? Everything. From inner strength to take on the challenges in the material world, to achieving the ultimate aim of attaining the Lord's feet, everything is within reach if one utters the name of Rama.

Kanchi Mahaperiyava says the highest taraka mantra is Rama namam, as it is the only name that can help us withstand the travails of life, said Dhamal Perundevi in a discourse. Andal enjoins us all to sing paeans to the person dearest to one (manadhukku iniyanai), that is Rama. His very name personifies happiness. Such is the power of chanting His name that it can cleanse our sins and purify our minds to rise above transient earthly things. Valmiki was a hunter and yet, by Rama's grace, he was transformed into one of the greatest raconteurs. In his instruction to Parvati, Parameshwara says by just chanting 'Sri Rama Rama Rameti', one can reap the benefits gained from chanting the entire Sahasranamam.

Ramakrishna Paramahamsa says that in Ramayana, two people had to cross the sea to Lanka: one was Rama, who deployed a mini-army to build a bridge and Hanuman who landed there by chanting Rama nama mantra. In Rama's reign, everyone was happy; Ayodhya resonated to chants of 'ramo ramo'. This unwavering bhakti of all is proof of the power of the Rama namam. Even in Tirumala, the Suprabatham begins by saying wake up like Rama, not Thiruvengadan ('Kausalya Supraja Rama'). It is the most powerful name on earth. As Adi Sankara has said, in Kasi, Siva utters the name of Rama in the ears of a dying person. If we keep chanting his name, we will reap the benefits of all that is desirable in this world and the other.

RIYADH

Xi meets Saudi Crown Prince; signs $30-bn deal at high-level meeting

AP

Chinese President Xi Jinping met Saudi Arabia's Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman on Thursday on an Arab outreach visit that will yield billions of dollars in deals and has earned a rebuke from Washington. About $30 bn in agreements will be signed, Saudi state media said, as China seeks to shore up its COVID-hit economy. AFP

NEW YORK

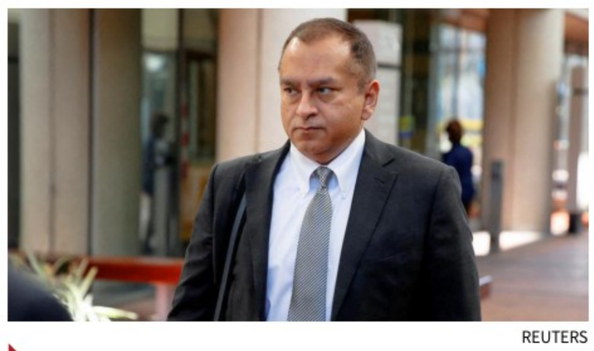
New York Times workers go on 24-hour strike over wage dispute

REUTERS

Hundreds of journalists and other employees at *The New York Times* began a 24-hour walkout on Thursday, the first strike of its kind at the newspaper in more than 40 years. Employees say they are fed up with bargaining that has dragged on since their last contract expired in March 2021. AP

SAN JOSE

Former partner of Theranos CEO sentenced to nearly 13 years in jail



REUTERS

Former Theranos executive Ramesh "Sunny" Balwani was sentenced on Wednesday to nearly 13 years in prison for his role in the company's blood-testing hoax — a sentence slightly longer than that given to the CEO, who was his lover and accomplice in one of Silicon Valley's biggest scandals. AP

CHARIKAR

Several women among 27 Afghans flogged in public by the Taliban

AFP

Twenty-seven people, including nine women, were lashed in public on Thursday in a northern Afghan province as punishment for alleged adultery, theft, drug offences and other crimes, according to an official with the Supreme Court in Taliban-ruled Afghanistan. Provincial officials and local residents attended the flogging. AP

Peru gets new President after predecessor's arrest

Dina Boluarte, the country's first woman leader, appeals to Opposition for a truce; Pedro Castillo stands accused of attempting a coup after he tries to dissolve parliament and rule by decree

Agence France-Presse
LIMA

Peru's new President Dina Boluarte was on Thursday facing pressure to form a government, a day after the country was thrown into chaos by the dramatic arrest of her predecessor who stands accused of attempting a coup.

The South American country's first-ever woman leader asked the Opposition for a truce as she tried to end the turmoil sparked by the leftist Pedro Castillo, who had attempted to dissolve parliament and rule by decree.

Mr. Castillo's efforts were quickly stamped out by lawmakers who voted him out of office in a day of high drama, by the end of which former Vice-President Ms. Boluarte had emerged as the country's new head of state. She took the oath of office within two hours of the impeachment vote, in front of the right-wing dominated Congress and vowing to serve out the rest of Mr. Castillo's term, until July 2026.

Sure-footed: President of the Peruvian Congress Jose Williams Zapata (left) swears in Dina Boluarte as the new President . AFP

Earlier, Mr. Castillo had faced his third impeachment attempt since the former rural schoolteacher unexpectedly won power from Peru's traditional political elite 18 months ago.

In a televised address on Wednesday, the 53-year-old announced he was dissolving the Opposition-dominated Congress, imposing a curfew and would rule by decree for at least nine months.

As criticism poured in over the speech, lawmakers defiantly gathered earlier than planned to debate the impeachment motion over corruption allegations and approved it with 101 votes out of a total of 130 lawmakers.

Mr. Castillo had left the presidential palace after the vote with the intention of seeking asylum in Mexico's embassy before he was arrested. By Wednesday night, Mr. Castillo had been transferred to a police facility in east Lima, where graft-convicted former President Alberto Fujimori – himself removed by Congress in 2000 – is serving out his sentence.

Sri Lanka to resume negotiations on stalled trade agreement with India

Meera Srinivasan
COLOMBO

Sri Lanka will soon resume talks with India on the stalled Economic and Technological Cooperation Agreement (ETCA), authorities said, as Colombo looks to trade pacts and foreign direct investments to rebuild its crisis-hit economy.

"We hope to commence negotiations on the ETCA later this month," said K.J. Weerasinghe, Chief Negotiator of FTAs at the International Trade Office, recently set up under the Presidential Secretariat. "We had finished 11 rounds of bilateral talks the last time [between 2016 and 2019] with the aim of broadening and deepening the [ISFTA] that is in force since India-Sri Lanka Free Trade Agreement," said the senior official, who was formerly Director-General of the Department of Commerce, following several diplomatic stints focusing on Sri Lanka's international trade interests.

However, the Maithripala Sirisena and Ranil Wickremesinghe-led government that was in power at the time could not complete negotiations. The ETCA faced considerable resistance from sections within Sri Lanka, mainly from nationalist groups and trade unions who saw the pact as giving India an unfair advantage. The ETCA itself followed decade-long, but futile, negotiations on yet another pact – the "Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA)".

Sri Lanka's recent emphasis on FTAs and FDIs is part of President Ranil Wickremesinghe's strategy for economic recovery in the island nation, reeling under the impact of its worst economic crash. The country's economy contracted by an estimated 9.2% this year and is estimated to contract by a further 4.2% in 2023, according to the World Bank. Meanwhile, the government is talking to its creditors to restructure its foreign debt and qualify for IMF support early next year.

K.J. Weerasinghe

Greater integration

In his Budget speech last month Mr. Wickremesinghe, who is also the Finance Minister, underscored the need for Sri Lanka to have greater access to the world market. "Towards this end, Sri Lanka has resumed efforts to integrate with key markets such as India and China. Sri Lanka will also resume trade negotiations with Thailand, which along with the FTA with Singapore, sets the stepping-stone for Sri Lanka to engage in dynamic regional trading arrangements such as Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP)," he told Parliament.

In line with Mr. Wickremesinghe's vision, the International Trade Office is focusing on greater engagement in the neighbourhood, a "look east" policy, for possible integration with RCEP down the line, Mr. Weerasinghe told *The Hindu* in an interview at his office facing the Presidential palace that anti-government protesters stormed in July in a culmination of mass agitations.

India and China are the top two sources of import for Sri Lanka.

U.S. Congress clears Bill to protect same-sex unions

Agence France-Presse
WASHINGTON

The U.S. Congress on Thursday passed landmark legislation to protect same-sex marriage under federal law, and President Joe Biden has vowed to quickly sign the measure.

The vote in the House of Representatives saw 39 Republicans join a united Democratic majority in a rare show of bipartisanship, provoking loud cheers on the floor less than 10 days after the Senate passed the same Bill.

The conservative-led Supreme Court in June had overturned long-standing abortion rights, prompting lawmakers of both parties to move quickly to prevent the court from taking away same-sex marriage rights, as some feared it might do.

The new legislation, known as the Respect for Marriage Act, does not require states to legalize same-sex marriage but does require them to recognize a marriage so long as it was valid in the state where it was performed. It repeals previous definition of marriage as a union between a man and a woman.

Speaker Nancy Pelosi signs the Bill for 'Respect For Marriage Act' in Washington on Thursday.

U.S. basketball star Griner freed in Russian prisoner swap

Associated Press
WASHINGTON

Russia freed WNBA star Brittney Griner on Thursday in a high-profile prisoner exchange, as the U.S. released Russian arms dealer Viktor Bout but failed to win freedom for another American, Paul Whelan, who has been jailed for nearly four years.

The deal, the second in eight months amid tensions over Russia's invasion of Ukraine, secured the release of the most prominent American detained abroad and achieved a top policy goal for President Joe Biden.

"She's safe, she's on a plane, she's on her way home," Mr. Biden said from the White House.

Ms. Griner is a two-time Olympic gold medallist and a pro basketball star, whose arrest in February made her the most high-profile American jailed abroad.

Her status as an openly gay Black woman, locked up in a country where authorities have been hostile to the LBGTQ community, injected racial, gender and social dynamics into her legal saga and brought unprecedented attention to the population of wrongful detainees. She was arrested at the Moscow's Sheremetyevo Airport when officials said they found vape canisters with cannabis oil in her luggage.

The Russian Foreign Ministry confirmed the swap, saying that the exchange took place in Abu-Dhabi. In releasing Bout, the U.S. freed a former Soviet Army Lieutenant Colonel whom the Justice Department once described as one of the world's most prolific arms dealers. He was arrested in Thailand in 2008 and extradited to the U.S. in 2010.

Iran hangs 23-year-old man over Amini protests

Agence France-Presse
PARIS

Iran carried out its first known execution on Thursday over the protests that have shaken the regime since September, hanging a 23-year-old man after a legal process denounced as a show trial by rights groups.

Mohsen Shekari was convicted and sentenced to death for blocking a street and wounding a paramilitary during the early phase of the protests in mid-September.

At least a dozen other people are currently at risk of imminent execution after being sentenced to hang over the protests in recent weeks, human rights groups warned.

Demonstrations have swept Iran for nearly three months since Mahsa Amini, 22, died after her arrest by the morality police in Tehran for an alleged breach of the country's strict hijab dress code for women.

The protests, described by the authorities as "riots", are posing the biggest challenge to the Islamic republic since it was established following the ouster of the shah in 1979.

The security forces have responded with a crackdown that has killed at least 458 people, including 63 children, according to Iran Human Rights.

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Jungle Lodges and Resorts Ltd., invites tender for Request for Proposal (RFP) for Selection of a Hotel Operator to Operate and Maintain Hotel Krishna Raja Sagar (KRS), Brindavan Garden, Mandya District. The details of tender document is available in the website: **www.eproc.karnataka.gov.in** The last date and time for receipt of tender document **through e-Procurement portal** is **04.01.2023 at 17.00 Hrs** and the EMD amount payable is **Rs.25,00,000/-.**

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Advertisement for recruitment

No. 02/ OSMCL/HR/2022 ***Date 07.12.2022***

Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd. (OSMCL), Bhubaneswar invites online applications from eligible candidates for filling up the following vacant posts of the Corporation. For details of the post like scale of pay, eligibility criteria selection modalities, general instructions / information, guideline for filling up of the online application form, mode etc., the applicants may visit the **"online recruitment" section** of OSMCL website - **www.osmcl.nic.in.**

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1.	**Sr. Pharmacist (Warehouse)**	12	UR – 3 (W-1), ST-9 (W-3)	As per pay matrix of ORSP2017: Basic pay of Rs- 35400/-(Level-9)
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3.	**Jr. Pharmacist (Quality Assurance)**	2	UR – 1 UR (W) - 1	As per pay matrix of ORSP2017: Basic pay of Rs- 25500/-(Level-7)

Interested applicants must fill up the online application form and upload the supporting documents in the "Online Recruitment" section of OSMCL website **www.osmcl.nic.in.** Submission of online application forms will close on **30.12.2022, 11:59 PM.**

After filling up of the online application form, applicants must download the application forms, sign the same and send them along with the supporting self-attested documents **only by speed post / registered post** to the following address:

***Odisha State Medical Corporation Ltd., In front of Ram Mandir, Convent Square, Bhubaneswar, Odisha, 751001* on or before 10.01.2023, 5:30 PM.**

Last date of receipt of applications and documents by speed post / registered post is 10.01.2023, 5:30 PM. Any application received by speed post / registered post after **10.01.2023, 5:30 PM** will be rejected.

Envelopes must be superscribed with the name of the post applied for along with the applicant's application number.

Sd/ Managing Director
Odisha State Medical Corporation

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APPOINTMENT

KALAM INSTITUTE OF HEALTH TECHNOLOGY (KIHT)
IMPORTANT UPDATE
KIHT will be conducting interviews for various positions of consultants in KIHT and it's associate organizations. Corresponding job descriptions are available on website www.kiht.in

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E-BID NOTICE

Bids for various types of gum paste are invited from interested bidders up to 6.00 p.m. of 26.12.2022. Other particulars of the bid may be visited on the procurement portal (**http://eproc.rajasthan.gov.in**, **http://sppp.rajasthan.gov.in**) of the state; **http://rajexcise.gov.in**, departmental website.

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GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
HIGHER EDUCATION (UE) DEPARTMENT

NOTIFICATION

Government of Andhra Pradesh invites application for the post of Vice Chancellor, Krishna University, Machilipatnam. For other details, please visit **https://apsche.ap.gov.in** Applications with bio-data filled in the prescribed proforma and other requisite documents may be sent within 20 days from the date of issue of notification by registered post to the following address.

The Chairman, A.P.State Council of Higher Education, 3rd, 4th and 5th floors, Neeladri Towers, Sri Ram Nagar, 6th Battalion Road, Atmakur (V), Managalagiri (M), Guntur - 522503

Date: 09-12-2022 **J. SYAMALA RAO**
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Office of the Executive Engineer, Project Division West Zone, Joint Commissioner (West) Office Premises, 2nd Floor, Sampige Road, Sheshadripuram, Bengaluru - 20.
No: EE/P-W/TEND/07/2022-23 **Date: 08.12.2022**

INVITATION FOR SHORT TERM TENDER (IFT)
(Through **GOK e-Procurement Portal** only) (Two Cover System)

The Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone invites tenders on Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike, Bengaluru from eligible Tenderers for the construction of works detailed in the table below. **Standard Bid Document-KW-3**

Name of the Work	Est. Cost (₹. in Lakhs)	EMD (in ₹.)
Balance work of Samudhaya Bhavana in Ward No-137, Cottonpete, Gandhinagara Cosntituency, Phase-2	100.00	2,00,000/-

Calendar of Events : (1) Tender documents may be downloaded through e-portal from **09.12.2022** onwards. (2) Date & time for pre-bid meeting on **15.12.2022** at **3:00** pm. (3) Last date and Time for Receipt of tenders on **22.12.2022** upto **4:00** pm. (4) Opening of Bids (Technical Bid) is **26.12.2022** at **4:30** pm. (5) Opening of Bids (Financial Bid) is **28.12.2022** (If possible). Further details may be obtained from the above office during office hours on working days or from website: **https://eproc.karnataka.gov.in**

Sd/- Executive Engineer, Project Division, West Zone

INBRIEF

Collins Aerospace to invest $200 mn in India operations

North Carolina-based Collins Aerospace said it would invest $200 million to expand operations in India and would also hire 2,000 people in the next five years. India is an important market to the global growth and investment strategy of all Raytheon Technologies' (parent firm) businesses, said company president Stephen Timm.

Sun Pharma facility listed under U.S. FDA import alert

Sun Pharmaceutical on Thursday said its Halol facility in Gujarat had been listed under import alert by the U.S. FDA with products manufactured at the unit now are subject to refusal of admission in the U.S. market. The development follows an inspection of the facility by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration from April 26 to May 9, 2022. "The U.S. FDA has excluded 14 products from this import alert subject to certain conditions," the company said in a regulatory filing. PTI

TVS Motor Singapore buys German firm for €25,000

TVS Motor Singapore Pte Ltd. (TVSM Singapore) has fully acquired Germany-based BBT 35/22 Vermogensverwaltungs GmbH for a cash consideration of €25,000. TVSM Singapore is planning to change the name of the wholly owned subsidiary into Celerity Motor GmbH, parent company TVS Motor Co. said in a regulatory filing. The acquired firm was incorporated in Germany on June 8, 2022 to undertake R&D, engineering, and sales and service pertaining to two- and three-wheelers. It is yet to commence business operations.

Need to urgently fix basics of water, education and health: BCG's Sinha

Failure to expedite a water pricing policy in the face of a plummeting water table risks droughts, unrest in a decade's time, says Boston Consulting Group's India chief; urges doubling spending on education, health to tap the demographic dividend

Vikas Dhoot
NEW DELHI

India needs to urgently fix the 'fundamental gaps' in areas like water, health, education, besides addressing the 'inconsistent' policies of financial sector regulators and refrain from 'drum beating' in its pursuit of becoming a larger global economy, Boston Consulting Group's India chief Janmejaya Sinha. suggested on Thursday.

"We have foundational and fundamental gaps which stay unfixed... China started its growth by first fixing water," observed Mr. Sinha, speaking at the the CII Global Economic Policy Summit. "We, far away from fixing water, mess up water... our water pricing is flawed. Are we talking with urgency about water here?" he wondered.

Parched lands: To double agri productivity, we must fix water; this is needed for internal food security, says Sinha. AKHILESH KUMAR

India's water table, he noted, had plummeted to a dangerous level, which could trigger droughts in about a decade's time that could spark 'major unrest'.

'Internal food security'

"If we don't fix water... we can't double agricultural productivity, which we need for internal food security and to release the labour force," he noted.

Mr. Sinha added that health and education spends also needed to double to prevent the demographic dividend from becoming a 'disaster'. "We have an average age of 27 but that doesn't help if there is complete lack of productivity," he said.

Emphasising the need for innovation, Baba Kalyani of Bharat Forge said: "We are still a factor-driven economy. Unless... we become an innovation-driven economy... we are not going to see the kind of per capita income that will drive the economy to the goals that we have set".

'No money with banks to build UPI-like product'

Press Trust of India
MUMBAI

After being chided by the RBI brass for missing the UPI bus by not investing early, a top executive of Axis Bank on Thursday said banks do not have money to burn for building such businesses.

"We didn't have ₹3,000 crore of money to make a loss on," was the quick response of Amitabh Chaudhry, the MD and chief executive, when asked to comment on RBI Deputy Governor T. Rabi Sankar's weekend statement.

Flurry of bad news making investors wary, says Uday Kotak

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Capacity utilisation has improved but businesses are wary of investing, Kotak Mahindra Bank CEO Uday Kotak said on Thursday, attributing India Inc.'s reluctant animal spirits to the barrage of bad news from across the world and some uncertainties on policy and regulatory fronts.

More than 66% of corporates' capacity utilisation rates were above 80% in November, but just 15% of them plan to invest while others are waiting and watching, he said, citing a survey of 900 corporates by his bank.

Uday Kotak

"So capacity utilisation in many areas is going up but people are waiting and watching because of a few uncertainties and that is where confidence, capacity building in a sector ahead of the curve... (will help)," he said, stressing he shared Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman's view that industry captains must lift their animal spirits a lot more. "The global situation thanks to COVID and Ukraine has made a lot of people in India more circumspect... You keep getting a barrage of bad news from around the world. It's got to affect your psychology and your mind and we are not immune to this."

He recalled he had stopped reading financial newspapers during the 2008-09 global financial crisis for they only had 'negative news'. He was speaking at the CII Global Economic Policy summit.

BSNL 4G to be upgraded to 5G in 5-7 months

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

BSNL's 4G technology will be upgraded to 5G in 5-7 months and rolled out across 1.35 lakh telecom towers it has in the country, Union Telecom Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw said on Thursday.

Speaking at a CII event, the Minister said the government had plans to increase the telecom technology development fund from ₹500 crore per annum to ₹4,000 crore to encourage indigenous innovation.

'AI to spend $400 mn on new interiors for wide-body planes'

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Air India on Thursday announced plans to refurbish the interiors of its entire wide-body fleet at a cost of more than $400 million.

The exercise will see the addition of the latest generation seats and best-in-class in-flight entertainment across all cabin classes on its 27 Boeing 787-8 and 13 Boeing 777 aircraft.

In an important shift, Air India also said that it would introduce Premium Economy cabin on both Boeing 787s and 777. Vistara, which is now being merged with Air India, already offers Premium Economy and so do top global airlines such as Singapore Airlines, which also owns 25.1% in Air India. This allows passengers to enjoy more comfortable seats at a price band lower than that of business class.

The move will, however, not entail discontinuing the First Class cabin on the 777s. Air India said it had engaged London-based product design firms JPA Design and Trendworks, which have produced designs for major brands including Taj Hotels, The Orient Express and Herman Miller International.

The airline said it expected the first refurbished aircraft to enter service in mid-2024 due to regulatory and engineering preparation as well as time required to manufacture seats.

HUL forays into health and wellbeing

The Hindu Bureau
MUMBAI

Hindustan Unilever Ltd. (HUL) has forayed into the 'Health & Wellbeing' category via investments in Zywie Ventures Pvt. Ltd. (OZiva) and Nutritionalab Pvt. Ltd. (Wellbeing Nutrition).

OZiva is a plant-based consumer wellness brand focused on need spaces such as lifestyle protein, hair & beauty supplements and women's health.

HUL will acquire 51% equity stake in this firm through a combination of primary infusion and secondary buyouts. The balance 49% will be acquired at the end of 36 months based on pre-agreed valuation criteria.

Wellbeing Nutrition's product range includes Melts (Oral Thin Strips), Slow (Slow-Release capsules) and Marine Collagen powder focused on need spaces such as Beauty, Everyday Health, Gut Health and Sleep.

HUL will acquire 19.8% equity stake in the company through a combination of primary infusion and secondary buyouts. Both these transactions are expected to be completed in the next 1-3 months.

'DRI detaining consignment of phones hits Vivo's exports'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Chinese mobile phone company Vivo has alleged that the Department of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) has stopped the company's consignment at Delhi airport, which is affecting the firm's exports from India, according to industry body ICEA's letter to the Centre.

In an email to ICEA, Vivo said the DRI detained the consignment of 26,840 mobile phones and was checking IMEI numbers after opening the boxes.

Bonfiglioli to invest ₹100 cr. in Pune unit

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Bonfiglioli Transmissions Pvt. Ltd., is setting up a high-tech assembly facility in Pune at an investment of ₹100 crore.

The 42,500 sq. m. facility is set to commence operations by November 2023, it said in a statement.

The company already has a 7,500 sq. m. assembly facility in Pune. The company has been operating in India since 1999 and has two production units in Chennai and one in Pune. It supplies gearmotors, drive systems, planetary gearboxes and inverters that find applications in areas such as industrial automation, mobile machinery, and power generation. Currently, Bonfiglioli has a production capacity exceeding 3,50,000 units of gearboxes and gearmotors. It posted a turnover of ₹1,428 crore for FY22 compared with ₹1,120 crore a year earlier.

"The new facility will help us introduce a wide range of products to 20-odd verticals including food, packaging, cement, steel, pharma and textile ," said country manager Kennady V. Kaippally.

MARKETS

MARKET WATCH

	THURSDAY	%CHANGE
Sensex	62,571	0.26
US Dollar	82.38	0.10
Gold	54,270	0.39
Brent oil	77	-1.66

NIFTY 50

	PRICE	CHANGE
Adani Enter	4025.00	25.70
Adani Ports	892.90	6.15
Apollo Hosp	4704.50	-22.90
Asian Paints	3221.45	-5.05
Axis Bank	939.35	24.70
Bajaj Auto	3636.15	1.50
Bajaj Finserv	1618.60	11.90
Bajaj Finance	6581.95	-43.25
Bharti Airtel	832.60	-1.40
BPCL	335.75	1.40
Britannia Ind	4394.90	1.35
Cipla	1107.50	2.20
Coal India	230.40	0.65
Divis Lab	3287.45	-50.80
Dr Reddys Lab	4356.20	-5.30
Eicher Motors	3322.30	62.45
Grasim Ind	1812.45	4.25
HCL Tech	1101.35	-4.55
HDFC	2664.80	4.95
HDFC Bank	1619.50	9.05
HDFC Life	577.50	-4.30
Hero MotoCorp	2758.20	-1.35
Hindalco	471.65	7.35
Hind Unilever	2705.45	-1.90
ICICI Bank	931.90	9.75
IndusInd Bank	1190.85	26.20
Infosys	1620.15	14.65
ITC	338.40	-1.70
JSW Steel	744.70	6.55
Kotak Bank	1897.00	-14.45
L&T	2167.70	43.70
M&M	1274.35	7.75
Maruti Suzuki	8682.70	23.55
NestleIndia	19805.35	-105.50
NTPC	170.35	-1.50
ONGC	142.65	2.00
PowerGrid Corp	217.80	-3.25
Reliance Ind	2649.25	-1.25
SBI Life	1266.85	4.80
State Bank	611.65	4.60
Sun Pharma	980.80	-36.95
TataConsumerProduct	804.20	4.85
Tata Motors	417.20	-2.90
Tata Steel	111.85	0.65
TCS	3350.55	-30.05
Tech Mahindra	1074.15	-3.90
Titan	2583.50	-13.35
UltraTech Cement	7179.05	16.85
UPL	777.85	-0.30
Wipro	403.70	-2.60

EXCHANGE RATES

Indicative direct rates in rupees a unit except yen at 4 p.m. on December 08

CURRENCY	TT BUY	TT SELL
US Dollar	82.22	82.54
Euro	86.31	86.65
British Pound	100.05	100.45
Japanese Yen (100)	60.06	60.3
Chinese Yuan	11.79	11.84
Swiss Franc	87.3	87.65
Singapore Dollar	60.58	60.83
Canadian Dollar	60.21	60.45
Malaysian Ringitt	18.69	18.78
Australian Dollar	55.3	55.52

Source:Indian Bank

Sport

Anahat rallies to beat Tanvi and enter semifinals

NATL. SQUASH

K. Keerthivasan
CHENNAI

The small gathering at the Indian Squash and Triathlon Academy was treated to some delightful squash as 14-year-old Anahat Singh, the second seed, turned around a two-game deficit to defeat Tanvi Khanna 9-11, 6-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-8 and enter the semifinals of the HCL-78th Senior National championships on Thursday.

Anahat will take on giant-killer Tanishka Jain of Maharashtra. Tanishka, who upset Statemate Urwashi Joshi (seeded 3/4) in the last eight, had also put it across Sanika Choudhari (seeded 5/8) in the pre-quarterfinals. The match of the day was the one involving the Delhi players Anahat and Tanvi.

No looking back: Once she found her rhythm, Anahat, right, denied Tanvi any space to manoeuvre. M. VEDHAN

The 26-year-old qualifier was flawless in the first two games, pushing Anahat to the corners and making the teenager run around.

Anahat, however, gained in confidence as she retrieved well and raised her game to a brilliant combination of offence and defence both from the front-court and backcourt.

Tanvi found herself at the receiving end in the next three games.

In a men's quarterfinal, former champion Harinderpal Singh defeated second-seeded S. Navaneeth Prabhu 11-7, 11-6, 11-1.

Semifinal line-up: Men: Abhay Singh vs Sandeep Jangra; Velavan vs Harinderpal.
Women: Joshna Chinappa vs Akansha Salunkhe; Anahat vs Tanishka.

The results (quarterfinals):
Men: Abhay Singh (TN) bt Suraj Chand (Mah) 11-3, 11-4, 11-6; Sandeep Jangra (SSCB) bt Vijay Kumar (SSCB) 11-9, 8-11, 11-9, 11-9; S. Velavan (TN) bt Veer Chotrani (Mah) 11-2, 11-1, 11-9; Harinderpal Singh (TN) bt Navaneeth Prabhu (TN) 11-7, 11-6, 11-1.
Women: Joshna Chinappa (TN) bt Anjali Semwal (Mah) 11-6, 11-6, 11-5; Akansha Salunkhe (Goa) bt Janet Vidhi (Mah) 11-8, 11-1, 11-3; Tanishka Jain (Mah) bt Urwashi Joshi (Mah) 11-9, 5-11, 12-10, 5-11, 11-4; Anahat Singh (Del) bt Tanvi Khanna (Del) 9-11, 6-11, 11-5, 11-3, 11-8.

Prannoy goes down fighting to Lu, out of semifinal race

Press Trust of India
BANGKOK

H.S. Prannoy went down fighting 21-23, 21-17, 19-21 to China's Lu Guang Zu in his second Group A match to virtually bow out of the semifinal race at the BWF World Tour Finals here on Thursday.

The 30-year-old, who had lost to the same opponent in his only meeting at the French Open this year, put up a brave effort but couldn't prevail in a gruelling 84-minute contest.

It was his second loss in the group, following the opening match defeat to Japan's Kodai Naraoka. The World No. 12 Indian will next face World No. 1 Viktor Axelsen.

Yukan primed to deliver in the feature

RACING

BENGALURU: Yukan, who is in fine fettle, may score an encore in the V. Venugopal Naidu Memorial Trophy (1,200m), the main event of the races to be held here on Friday (Dec. 9). False rails (width about 6m from 1,600m to the winning post) will be in position.

1 MAHANADI PLATE (1,200m), rated 00 to 25, 2-30 p.m.: 1. Bimaran Casket (5) B.L. Paswan 61, 2. Black Velvet (3) Likith Appu 61, 3. Speed Seven (2) L.A. Rozario 61, 4. Baba Voss (8) Shreyas S 60.5, 5. Cash Out (1) Antony 59, 6. He's The One (6) Jagadeesh 58.5, 7. Paradise Beckons (7) S. Shareef 57 and 8. Perfect Halo (4) Kiran Rai 57.
1. SPEED SEVEN,
2. BIMARAN CASKET,
3. CASH OUT

2 KRISHNA RAJA SAGARA PLATE (DIV. II), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 3-00: 1. Chul Bul Rani (7) Syed Imran 60, 2. Striking Point (9) Adarsh 58, 3. Agera (4) R. Pradeep 56, 4. Altair (8) Sai Kiran 56, 5. Gold Gray (5) P. Siddaraju 56, 6. Stars Above (1) Antony 56, 7. Step To Destiny (3) Likith Appu 56, 8. Lady Godiva (2) S. Shareef 54.5, 9. Sociable (10) Trevor 54.5 and 10. Way Of Life (6) Tousif 54.5.
1. SOCIABLE,
2. STAR ABOVE,
3. CHUL BUL RANI

3 SPLENDID ROLE PLATE (1,100m), maiden 2-y-o only, (Terms), 3-30: 1. Art Gallery (7) Srinath 56, 2. Clifford (1) Zervan 56, 3. In Thy Light (2) Akshay K 56, 4. Superhero (6) Naveen K 56, 5. Touch Of Grey (4) Suraj 56, 6. Aralina (5) Antony 54.5, 7. Fondness Of You (8) Vinod Shinde 54.5 and 8. Marquita (3) Trevor 54.5.
1. ARALINA,
2. TOUCH OF GREY,
3. ART GALLERY

4 V. VENUGOPAL NAIDU MEMORIAL TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65, 4-00: 1. Obsidian (2) S. John 62.5, 2. Yukan (3) Trevor 61.5, 3. Extraordinary (1) Naveen K 60, 4. Green Channel (4) Salman K 60, 5. Anakin (5) Jagadeesh 57.5, 6. Eternal Princess (6) Suraj 57, 7. General Patton (8) Nazerul 56, 8. Skyfire (7) Shreyas S 55.5, 9. Super Gladiator (10) Sai Kiran 54 and 10. The Response (9) P. Siddaraju 52.
1. YUKAN,
2. ETERNAL PRINCESS,
3. OBSIDIAN

5 TUNGABHADRA PLATE (1,600m), rated 20 to 45, 4-y-o & over, 4-30: 1. Dragon's Gold (2) Trevor 62, 2. Hope Island (3) Antony 59, 3. Muirfield (8) Likith Appu 59, 4. Eco Friendly (5) Sai Kiran 56, 5. Augusto (6) R. Pradeep 55.5, 6. Aferpi (9) Kiran Rai 55, 7. Sea Blush (1) Nazerul 53.5, 8. Turkoman (4) Vinod Shinde 52.5 and 9. The Intruder (7) P. Siddaraju 50.5.
1. DRAGON'S GOLD,
2. HOPE ISLAND,
3. TURKOMAN

6 KRISHNA RAJA SAGAR PLATE (DIV. I), (1,200m), rated 20 to 45, 5-00: 1. Osiris (7) Sai Kiran 62, 2. Kings Speech (2) Syed Imran 61, 3. Montelena (6) Likith Appu 58.5, 4. Recreator (5) Salman K 58, 5. Smile Around (4) P. Siddaraju 57.5, 6. Realia (3) Chethan K 56.5, 7. Super Kind (8) Trevor 56, 8. Castaneda (1) Antony 55, 9. Master Of Courage (10) M. Chandrashekar 55 and 10. Fair Counsel (9) Vinod Shinde 53.5.
1. MONTELENA,
2. KINGS SPEECH,
3. SUPER KIND

7 VALLEY OF FLOWERS PLATE (1,400m), rated 20 to 45, 5-30: 1. Twilight Tornado (1) Likith Appu 61, 2. Lagopus (4) R. Pradeep 60.5, 3. Kulsum (9) L.A. Rozario 58, 4. Ultimate Striker (6) Salman K 58, 5. Mighty Swallow (7) Trevor 55, 6. Roman Power (3) Srinath 55, 7. Ripple N Storm (8) Antony 54, 8. Altamonte (5) Jagadeesh 51.5 and 9. Hoofed Wonder (2) P. Siddaraju 51.
1. TWILIGHT TORNADO,
2. KULSUM,
3. MIGHTY SWALLOW
Day's best: **DRAGON'S GOLD**
Double: **YUKAN – TWILIGHT TORNADO**
Jkt: 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7; Tr (i): 2, 3 and 4; (ii): 5, 6 and 7.

Battle of heavyweights as Argentines meet the Dutch

The two-time champions and three-time finalists have been involved in many World Cup classics and the Qatar quarterfinal between Scaloni's men and van Gaal's outfit promises to be a cracker

FIFA WORLD CUP

Touch artist: The Netherlands will hope to make it Messi's last dance at the World Cup. REUTERS

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

The weight of history rests on the shoulders of today's inheritors of the orange jersey and that of the blue-and-white striped shirts. Past players of the three-time finalists and the two-time champions have clashed in many World Cup classics, and Argentina against the Netherlands again promises to be a cracker of a game.

A wiser Louis van Gaal, back at the Dutch helm, had bolted shut the creativity of Lionel Messi, then at his peak, when they last met in the semifinals of Brazil 2014. Messi was subdued, but Argentina still went through as Wesley Sneijder and Ron Vlaar missed their penalties.

His team, van Gaal insists, is ready for all eventualities. "We support players in a scientific way to practise penalties and we hope we will have a minor advantage if we have to take penalties," van Gaal said in his pre-match press conference.

The Argentines, though, had failed to win the two previous meetings – 1998 and 2006 – and the 44-year-old Lionel Scaloni, the youngest manager here, does not want the game to go down to the uncertainties that shootouts bring. "We can't think about penalty shootouts from now because then our focus would be lost. We should first look at 90 minutes and win the game," he said. "The most important is how we try to damage the opponent and not get damaged ourselves. We have analysed the Dutch team and will set our team accordingly."

A six-day break after an emotional round-of-16 win over the Aussies has helped the Argentines as the team utilised the free time to relax and rejuvenate with their families. "Moments with family members are important to unwind and enjoy the World Cup. Till the Australia game we had played four matches in 11 days, but now we are rested and ready physically and mentally," Alexis Mac Allister, who scored against Poland, said.

Angel Di Maria's left-side runs and constant changing of positions was missed during the Australia game, but Scaloni expects the veteran to be available and help disrupt Holland's plan of using Denzel Dumfries and Daley Blind through the wings.

Holland has been relatively untested in group-stage wins over Qatar and Senegal and has had moments of trouble against the United States. With Memphis Depay gradually improving his fitness and game, a young Cody Gakpo has been its breakout star with three goals from four games. For Argentina, Messi has benefited from the introduction of a more mobile Julian Alvarez and has already attempted 4.8 shots on goal per game - the second most at this World Cup after Kylian Mbappe's 5.3 - and played 3.3 key passes (the most per game).

Van Gaal has been combative about the media's notion of the Dutch under him adopting a negative game, moving away from the rampant free football of Johan Cruyff.

He was angsty again when asked about his 3-5-2 system. "My vision has evolved; I was head coach of Ajax with a very offensive DNA and in Barcelona I learnt that you can't always pursue that. And then I started thinking about football in a different way and in World Cup 2014 you would have seen that vision and more teams are now using that. Football is evolving and it's not easy to play the offensive way Ajax used to play. We also press, push and do it in varied ways, and not just defend. Brazil is also doing almost the same thing as the Dutch," he said.

The Dutch manager has an axe to grind against Di Maria as well. The Argentine winger had called his former Manchester United boss "the worst coach of my career". "I am very sorry that Di María once said I am the worst coach he has ever had. Here next to me sits Memphis. He was also in Manchester. And now we kiss on the mouth," said the oldest manager (71) at this World Cup. "We didn't see eye to eye then but now we work together, and I want to kiss him on the mouth, but looks like now he doesn't want that."

van Gaal's jokes may be a little stale, but his Netherlands team will hope to be fresh and ready to scuttle the ceremonial Leo Messi last dance that this World Cup is fast becoming.

Brazil match will be the most demanding yet for Croatia

No child's play: Brazil and Neymar will find a well-drilled Croatia a tougher opponent than the others it has faced so far. AFP

Ayon Sengupta
DOHA

Croatia, in its relatively short World Cup history, has exceeded expectations of most by finishing third on its debut in 1998 and reached the final in Russia four years ago.

Coach Zlatko Dalic, on eve of its quarterfinal game against Brazil, believed the clash would be as tough as the final against France in Moscow – the only World Cup game Croatia has lost under him.

"I believe the match ahead of us would be most demanding and I can compare it to the final against France. I wish such a difficult match came later, Croatia is a small country, but we have tasted success in two World Cups, and we are one of those rare teams who have managed to come here [to the quarterfinals] and we would try to win," he said. Croatia has conceded twice from open play in the competition and negotiated a shootout to move past Japan in the round of 16. In Russia, too, two of its knockout wins came through penalties, while the semifinal against England was settled by an extra-time goal from Mario Mandzukic.

Brazil coach Tite is aware that Croatia would be a much better drilled than earlier opponents. "Croatia has high technical skills in terms of midfielders, but our rhythm is not just about combination but also marking. We know how they work, and we will try to make them work to our advantage," Tite said.

Left back Alex Sandro, still recovering from a hip injury, might not be available for selection, forcing Juventus right-back Danilo to fill in.

The Brazilian players have drawn criticism for their dancing celebration, but Tite again reiterated that it's a part of Brazilian culture. "I won't comment on people who don't understand Brazil's culture and history and I will give my heart and attention to people who understand it. Brazilian culture is to dance when we score and that's not disrespectful and we will continue to do so," the erudite coach said.

Dalic, too, agreed that too much has been made of the incident.

"The Brazilians have their way to celebrate, they are festive and united and demonstrate their character and tradition and that's their right."

Today's fiesta

Croatia vs. Brazil, 8.30 p.m.

Head-to-Head

Matches 4, Brazil 3, Drawn 1

2005: Brazil drew with Croatia 1-1 (friendly)

2006: Brazil bt Croatia 1-0 (World Cup Group Stage)

2014: Brazil bt Croatia 3-1 (World Cup Group Stage)

2018: Brazil bt Croatia 2-0 (friendly)

Netherlands vs. Argentina, 12.30 a.m. (SAT)

Head-to-Head

Matches 9, Netherlands 4, Argentina 3, Drawn 2

1974: Netherlands bt Argentina 4-1 (friendly)

1974: Netherlands bt Argentina 4-0 (World Cup Group Stage)

1978: Netherlands lost to Argentina 1-3 (World Cup Final)

1979: Netherlands lost to Argentina 7-8 on penalties after 0-0 draw (FIFA Celebration)

1998: Netherlands bt Argentina 2-1 (World Cup Quarterfinal)

1999: Netherlands drew with Argentina 1-1 (friendly)

2003: Netherlands bt Argentina 1-0 (friendly)

2006: Netherlands drew with Argentina 0-0 (World Cup Group Stage)

2014: Netherlands lost to Argentina 2-4 on penalties after 0-0 draw (World Cup Semifinal)

UNPLEASANT BUSINESS

Sterling to rejoin England in Qatar after quick home visit

Raheem Sterling is to return to the World Cup in Qatar on Friday after spending time in England following a robbery at his home. "The Chelsea forward temporarily left to attend to a family matter but is now expected to rejoin the squad ahead of the quarterfinal with France," the FA said.

CHANGE OF GUARD

Spain sacks Enrique, names de la Fuente as coach

Luis de la Fuente was named as Spain's new coach on Thursday, shortly after Luis Enrique was sacked following the team's exit from the World Cup. The RFEF confirmed the elevation of the under-21 boss two days after Spain was eliminated. Enrique had a contract until the end of the year.

CHANCE AT REDEMPTION

Flick to remain coach despite Germany's dismal show

Germany coach Hansi Flick will keep his job and lead the team at Euro 2024 despite the crushing World Cup disappointment, DFB said on Wednesday. The move means Flick will get a chance at redemption at the Euros on home soil.

LEATHER HUNT

Labuschagne and Head flay West Indies attack

Marnus Labuschagne and Travis Head's unbeaten tons took Australia to 330 for three against West Indies on day one of the second Test (D-N) in Adelaide on Thursday. **The scores:** Australia 330/3 in 89 overs (Khawaja 62, Labuschagne 120 batting, Head 114 batting) vs WI.

PRO KABADDI LEAGUE

Naveen leads by example as Dabang qualify with a tie

Dabang Delhi, led by Naveen Kumar (16 points), earned a 46-46 tie against Bengal Warriors to book a playoffs spot in the Pro Kabaddi League in Hyderabad on Thursday. The result knocked Gujarat Giants out of the race. Haryana Steelers beat Telugu Titans 50-33 in the day's other match.

Lanka, NZ and Australia to tour India in early 2023

Agence France-Presse
NEW DELHI

Australia will tour India in February and March for four Tests and three ODIs after visits by New Zealand and Sri Lanka, the BCCI said on Thursday. The Australia Tests will be held in Nagpur, Delhi, Dharamshala and Ahmedabad. This will be the last edition of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy as a four-match series as it will be five-game affairs hereafter.

The schedule: Against Sri Lanka: T20Is: Jan. 3 (Mumbai); **Jan. 5** (Pune); **Jan. 7** (Rajkot); **ODIs: Jan. 10** (Guwahati); **Jan. 12** (Kolkata); **Jan. 15** (Thiruvananthapuram). **Against New Zealand: ODIs: Jan. 18** (Hyderabad); **Jan. 21** (Raipur); **Jan. 24** (Indore); **T20Is: Jan. 27** (Ranchi); **Jan. 29** (Lucknow); **Feb. 1** (Ahmedabad). **Against Australia: Tests: Feb. 9 to 13** (Nagpur); **Feb. 17 to 21** (Delhi); **March 1 to 5** (Dharamshala); **March 9 to 13** (Ahmedabad); **ODIs: March 17** (Mumbai); **March 19** (Vizag); **March 22** (Chennai).

Injured Rohit to miss final ODI, fly home

Agence France-Presse
DHAKA

India skipper Rohit Sharma will fly back home to seek medical advice for a thumb injury and will miss the final ODI against Bangladesh, coach Rahul Dravid said on Thursday.

Rohit batted at No. 9 with stitches and a bandage on his left thumb and hit a valiant 51 not out in a nail-biting finish in the second ODI which saw India suffer a five-run loss to Bangladesh.

Dravid hailed Rohit's courage to run Bangladesh close with an injured hand after India had slipped to a hopeless 207 for seven in the chase of 272.

"It was phenomenal for him to show that level of courage. He had a serious dislocation, had to go to hospital to get that set right, stitches in his hand, couple of injections to just go out and bat," said Dravid. "Credit to him, to go out and take a chance and amazing how close he got us with that innings."

Rohit Sharma. GETTY IMAGES

Bangladesh squad for first Test against India: Shakib Al Hasan (Capt.), Mahmudul Hasan Joy, Najmul Hassan Shanto, Mominul Haque, Yasir Ali Chowdhury, Mushfiqur Rahim, Litton Das, Nurul Hasan, Mehidy Hasan Miraz, Taijul Islam, Taskin Ahmed, Syed Khaled Ahmed, Ebadot Hossain, Shoriful Islam, Zakir Hasan, Rejaur Rahman Raja and Anamul Haque Bijoy.

Focus on lesser lights too in run-up to T20 World Cup

P.K. Ajith Kumar
NAVI MUMBAI

Australia rules women's cricket. It holds both World Cups. India has given the Aussies some strong fight in the shortest format of late. The two sides come face to face yet again, as the T20I series opens at the D.Y. Patil Stadium on Friday.

With the T20 World Cup in South Africa just a couple of months away, the significance of the five-match series – the last three games will be played at Mumbai's Brabourne Stadium – cannot be overstated. Both teams would be keen to try out combinations and see how the less experienced players fare.

By naming leg-spinning all-rounder Devika Vaidya – her last ODI was in 2018 and the only T20I in 2014 – and the uncapped left-arm seamer Anjali Sarvani in the squad, the selectors have indicated that they are looking at different options. Both the players earned their places with their fine show at the Senior Women's T20 Challenger at Raipur late last month.

Who will win it? Skippers Healy and Harmanpreet with the trophy ahead of the T20I series. PTI

The limelight would of course be more on the likes of India's main batters like Smriti Mandhana, captain Harmanpreet Kaur and Shafali Verma. As for bowling, seamer Renuka Singh, the No. 3 in the ICC ranking for T20I, and spinner Deepti Sharma have been in good nick.

In the absence of Meg Lanning, and the recently-retired Rachael Haynes, Australia's batting may look a bit different, but it is still formidable, boasting the likes of Ellyse Perry and Alyssa Healy, who is making her captaincy debut. The visitors have a fine pace battery that includes Megan Schutt, Nicola Carey and Darcy Brown.

Match starts at 7 p.m.

INBRIEF

Boumous' match-winner helps ATK MB move to third

Hugo Boumous found the net from a 89th penalty to help ATK Mohun Bagan get past Jamshedpur FC by a solitary goal in an ISL-9 fixture at the Salt Lake Stadium in Kolkata on Thursday. ATK MB with 19 points from nine matches has risen to third in the table, while JFC stays 10th after suffering its sixth straight defeat.

Jaya rallies to overcome Kakarlamudi, enters the final

Jaya Kapoor came back from a set down to defeat R. Kakarlamudi 2-6, 6-4, 7-6 (5) to enter the girls' final of the Bren Asian Junior Tour 16 & under tennis event at the Topspin Tennis Academy in Bengaluru on Thursday.

Other results (semifinals): Boys: Aradhya Kshitij bt M. Diganth 6-1, 6-1; P. Loganathan bt P. Saravanakumar 6-4, 6-2; **Girls:** Harshini Nagaraj bt Sree Tanvi Dasari 6-1, 6-4.

Clinical TRAU beats RoundGlass Punjab 2-0

TRAU FC notched up a 2-0 win over RoundGlass Punjab FC in their I-League fixture in Imphal and break the latter's unbeaten run this season. Buanthanglun Samte (25th minute) and Salam Johnson Singh (54th) helped TRAU end a run of three straight losses. Meanwhile in Aizawl, Akito Saito's goal helped Aizawl FC beat Neroca FC 1-0 in a sixth-round match.

Dutch Grand Prix gets extension until 2025

The Dutch Grand Prix has been extended until 2025, Formula One organisers announced on Thursday. The new agreement adds on two more races to the original three-year contract, which began in 2021 when the Dutch GP returned to the calendar for the first time since 1985.

England brings in Wood, adds teeth to its pace attack

Pakistan, without Afridi, suffers another setback with Rauf injuring his right thigh during the Rawalpindi Test and getting ruled of the series

In high spirits: England players warm-up for the second Test after their historic win at Rawalpindi. AFP

ENGLAND IN PAKISTAN

Press Trust of India
MULTAN

England brought in fast bowler Mark Wood and shrugged off Pakistan's attempt to make the Multan pitch friendlier for spin in the second Test which begins on Friday.

Wood was the only change England made after its landmark, 74-run win in the first Test at Rawalpindi on Monday.

Wood replaced all-rounder Liam Livingstone, who returned home after injuring his knee during the first Test.

"Having someone in your squad who can bowl at 150kph is a massive bonus for any team," England captain Ben Stokes said of Wood on Thursday.

Wood hasn't played a Test since March when he sustained an elbow injury. A hip injury also sidelined him from the climax of the triumphant T20 World Cup campaign in Australia.

Ollie Pope was retained behind the wickets after replacing an ill Ben Foakes for the first Test.

Stokes stressed Foakes remained their prime glovesman but at the moment Pope's role as a batter and wicketkeeper perfectly suited the team combination.

With Shaheen Afridi injured and out of the entire three-match series, Pakistan's bowling resources was further depleted when paceman Haris Rauf was ruled out of the remaining two Tests after injuring his right thigh during his debut Test at Rawalpindi.

"We are facing injury problems because most of our fast bowlers are playing in all the three formats and that is very tough on them," Pakistan captain Babar Azam said.

Another dry pitch awaits in Multan, which is hosting its first Test in 16 years when Pakistan played out a draw against the West Indies.

India-A piles on a huge total

Press Trust of India
SYLHET

India-A put itself in a commanding position by posting a mammoth first-innings total of 562 and then reducing Bangladesh-A to 49 for two at stumps on the third day of the second 'Test' match on Thursday.

Resuming on 324 for five, skipper Abhimanyu Easwaran (157) added 13 runs to his score, while Jayant Yadav made 83.

Saurabh smashed 55 (39b) and Navdeep Saini scored an unbeaten 50 (68b) as India-A tail-enders gave a good account of themselves.

The scores: Bangladesh-A 252 & 49/2 in 30 overs vs. India-A 562/9 decl. in 147.1 overs (Abhimanyu Easwaran 157, Jayant Yadav 83, Saurabh Kumar 55, K.S. Bharat 77, Cheteshwar Pujara 52, Navdeep Saini 50 n.o., Musfik Hasan 3/129, Hasan Murad 3/145).

LIVE TELECAST

Australia vs West Indies: 2nd Test, day 2, Sony LIV, 9.30 a.m.

BWF World Tour Finals: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Voot Select, 9.30 a.m.

Pakistan vs England: 2nd Test, day 1, Sony LIV, 10.30 a.m.

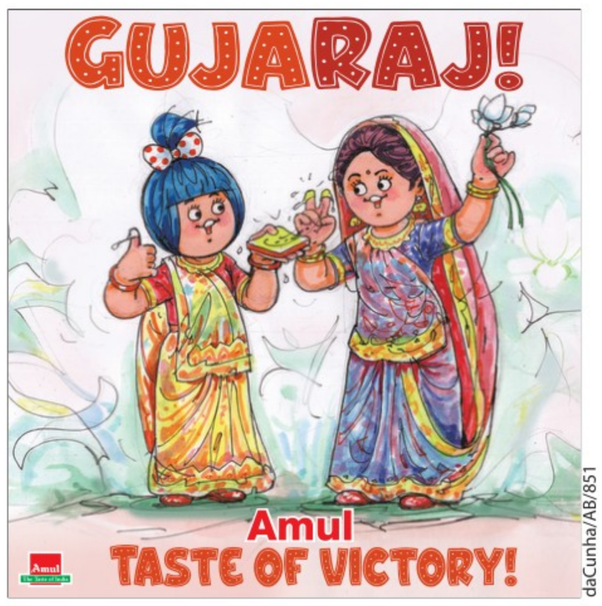
Tennis Premier League: Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 4.30 p.m. onwards

India Women vs Australia Women: 1st T20I, Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7 p.m.

ISL: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

PKL:Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

FIFA World Cup 2022: (Quarterfinals), Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 8.30 p.m. & 12.30 a.m. (Saturday)



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BENGALURU ROUND-UP

Sharan.

Karateka Sharan reigns

Sharan secured first place in Kata and Kumite sections at the fifth National-level Invitational karate championship held in Udupi recently. The Bengaluru boy was also declared the Kata Grand Champion.

Thanco's Students Union FC edges Rebels FC

Thanco's Students Union FC edged Rebels FC 3-2 in the BDFA Super Division League football here on Thursday.

The results: BUFC 5 (K. Daneil Singh 18, Patrick Mon Cour Libi 30, Guy Herman Beleck 79, 83, 88) bt ADE FC 1 (E. Devaraj 72); Thanco's Students Union FC 3 (Shantanu Ningurkar 51, Aditya A. Pratap Singh Rathore 56, Sarath Mohan 85) bt Rebels FC 2 (E.M. Akhil 40, Manuel Guyemang 86).

Brace each by Suprith and Dhanush

A brace each from Suprith and A. Dhanush helped Royal HC defeat Gulbarga 6-2 in the KSHA B-division hockey league championship here on Thursday.

The results: Royal HC 6 Suprith 10, 32, A. Dhanush 13, 27, Vaishnav 28, M. Dhanush 42) bt Gulbarga 2 (Nishant 32, Feroz Ustad 35); Sandeep HC 6 (C.K. Poovanna 4, 5, Basavaraj 7, Nagaraj 20, A.K. Abhishek 27, M.S. Bushit Raj 43) bt Shri Hanuman Blessings HC, Gadag 1 (Lakan Gagade 30).

Mayuk nets Raman SA's winner

Mayuk Dendaluri's scored Raman SA's winner in the 16th minute as it defeated Roots FS 1-0 in an under-18 match of the KSFA Youth Premier League.

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